

Frank Jennings Feather
Mary Callis

Leo Coddington Feather
Mildred Virginia Harriman

Orval Dayton Feather
Alice Josephine Coddington

FEATHER Family History

Joseph Czalmon Feather
Mariah Hannah Kelley

James Albert Feather
Catharine Jane Lewis

Jacob Feather
Mary Connoly

Joseph Christian Feather
Maria (unknown)

FEATHER

Family History

**Frank Feather and Leo Feather
Lines**

2024

Alice Ann Feather Eary
Thomas Edward Feather

IN MEMORY OF

MARY JANE (FEATHER) ELLIOTT KOPE

1926 - 2011

AND

ROBERT WAYNE FEATHER

1935 - 2010

Prologue

Alice Ann (Feather) Eary, daughter of Frank Jennings Feather and Mary (Callis) Feather, began her work on this publication in 1985 after being introduced to the family genealogy by her brother Tom. Mildly intrigued by the data Tom had downloaded to her computer, she visited the museum in Oakland, Maryland, in search of more information. As she viewed the pages laid out before her about her Grandmother Alice (Coddington) Feather, curiosity ignited the quest and she was hooked.

For nearly 30 years she has researched the Feather family history and documented her findings beginning with the root of Joseph Christian Feather, branching through the Feather forefathers, and fanning into the ancestry of their wives.

In this publication, Alice shares a glimpse into the lives of her grandparents Orval and Alice (Coddington) Feather on her fathers side, and Henry William (“Bill”) and Caroline (Deal) Callis on her mother’s side. In addition to her own direct line, including her parents and the families of her sister Jane, and younger brother, Tom, she expands on the intertwined life of her father’s brother, Leo Feather, and the families of Leo’s sons Charles and Robert.

The family tree includes Meshach Browning, Maryland’s legendary frontiersman and hunter, Thomas Coddington, the first sheriff elected to Garrett County, Maryland, and Charles Rodger Feather who has served as the mayor of Terra Alta, West Virginia for 26 years.

Along with family lineage and historical accounts, Alice describes life in Cranesville, West Virginia where she grew up on the family farm with her siblings. The 280 acres purchased in 1868 by her great grandparents Joseph Czalmon (“Sol”) and Mariah Hannah (Kelley) Feather was home to the Feather family for three generations. The Feather property included a portion of what was then known as the great Pine Swamp. The swamp is now preserved as the Cranesville Swamp Nature Sanctuary and recognized as a National Natural Landmark.

After originally sparking the project, Tom continued to support her efforts. In later years, using technology to bridge the distance gap, Tom’s daughter, Sheila (Feather) Mann took the lead in the combined efforts to edit and format the writings for printing, and Tom’s son Mike Feather contributed to the finalization as well. Alice’s son Matt Eary was also instrumental in producing this Feather family history.

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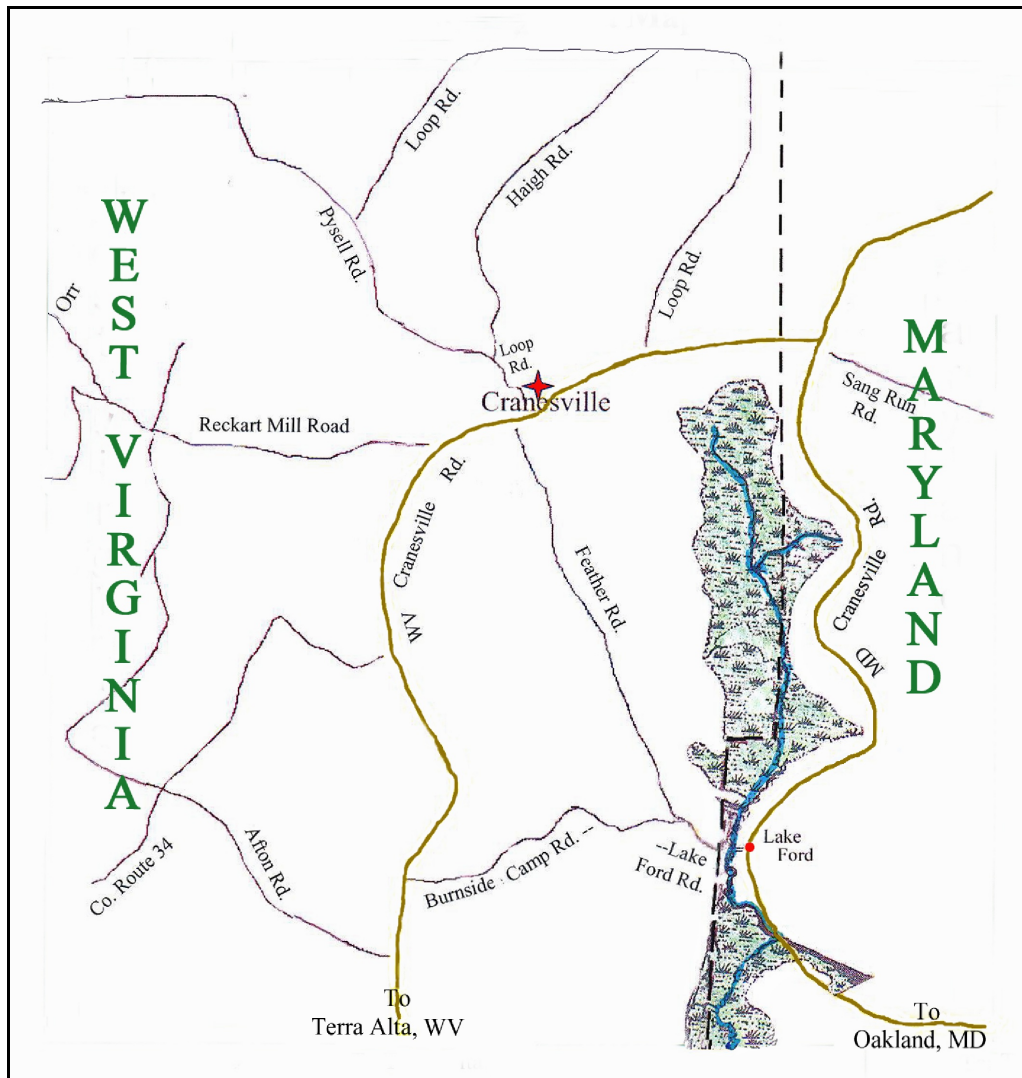
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Abbreviations Used

Abt.	About
Bef.	Before
Bet.	Between
B.	Born
D.	Died
Bur.	Buried
Cem.	Cemetery
Par.	Parents
Fath.	Father
Moth.	Mother
M.	Spouse when married only once
M(1).	First spouse when married more than once
M(2).	Second spouse
M(3).	Third spouse
ACo	Allegany County
GCo	Garrett County (created 1872 from Allegany County)
MCo	Monongalia County (created in 1784)
PCo	Preston County (created January 19, 1818 from Monongalia County)
Twp	Township
WV	West Virginia became a state June 20, 1863 (originally part of Virginia)

* Footnote

Cranesville Area Map



----- West Virginia - Maryland Line

Note: This map is not according to scale.

The Cranesville Community

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The Cranesville Community



Cranesville, Preston County, WV, 1908. (Courtesy of Berlin H. and John M. Wilhelm.)

Cranesville, West Virginia, is located in Preston County, ten miles northeast of Terra Alta, West Virginia. North of the village rises Nettle Ridge, sometimes referred to as Cranesville Knob, and to the northwest, Pine Swamp Knob. The village is situated at the headwaters of Muddy Creek and the great Pine Swamp, which runs the length of the former Feather property and on southward.

Cranesville was established by John Crane who came to the area in the 1820s and became one of the early landowners. Around 1839-40 he bought the 1,696 acre tract of land known as "Diadem." Later he added the "Recourse" and "Tudor" tracts. In addition, he obtained three land grants from the Commonwealth of Virginia. Before his death in 1858, he had obtained as many as 5,000 acres, beginning with some acreage in Garrett County, Maryland, and extending past the Orr and Afton communities in Preston County toward the Brandonville Road. Preston County was part of Virginia at that time.

John Crane died in 1858 at 59 years of age. According to local historian John Wilhelm, he and his wife Nancy (Dunham) Crane are buried in the Cranesville Cemetery. Some people believe that the adjoining road covers the exact location.

Names of his heirs found on deed transfers are Nancy Crane, Jane and John E. Otto, Jacob and Amanda S. Hyde, Jacob W. Crane, John B. Crane, Allen D. Crane, Hannah E. Crane, Samuel and Abigail Crane, Henry and Elizabeth Albright, Smith Crane, Elisha and Mary Ann Crane.

John's father, Samuel Crane, was a brother to Annar Crane who was the great-grandmother of Alice Coddington, wife of Orval Feather.

Stephen CRANE

B. 1630, England D. 1700, Elizabethtown, NJ
 M. **Esther NORRIS**, Abt. 1663, NJ
 D. 21 May 1706, Elizabethtown, NJ
 Children:

1. **John I**
 B. 1668, Elizabethtown, NJ D. 16 Feb 1723
 M. **Esther WILLIAMS**

John CRANE I

B. 1668, Elizabethtown, NJ
 D. 16 Feb 1723, Elizabethtown, NJ
 Fath. Stephen CRANE
 Moth. Esther NORRIS
 M. **Esther WILLIAMS**
 B. 1678, Elizabethtown, NJ
 D. Sep 1748, Elizabeth, NJ
 Children:

1. **John II**
 B. 1700, NJ D. 11 Sep 1763
 M. **Anna MCGEE**

John CRANE II

B. 1700, Elizabeth, NJ
 D. 11 Sep 1763, Westfield, NJ
 M. **Anna MCGEE**
 B. 1699 D. 14 Mar 1759
 Children:

1. John III B. 20 Apr 1723, Westfield, NJ

Joseph CRANE

B. 1741, Westfield, NJ
 D. 7 Jun 1778, Passaic Valley, NJ
 Bur. Piscataway, Middlesex Co, NJ
 Fath. John Crane II Moth. Anna MCGEE
 M. **Ruth MILLER**, 8 Jan 1760, Westfield, NJ
 B. 10 Sep 1740, Westfield, NJ
 D. 9 Feb 1831, Middletown, OH
 Bur. Middletown Cem., Middletown, OH
 Children:

1. **Samuel (father of John who settled Cranesville)**
 B. 25 Dec 1761, Passaic Valley, NJ
 D. 1 Dec 1821, PCo, WV
 M. **Jane BONNELL**
2. **Annar (ancestor of Alice Coddington Feather)**
 B. 10 Jun 1763, Passaic Valley, NJ
 D. 20 Apr 1818 Bur. Selbysport, GCo, MD
 M. **Benjamin CODDINGTON**

Samuel CRANE

B. 25 Dec 1761, Passaic Valley, NJ
 D. 1 Dec 1821, PCo, WV
 M. **Jane BONNELL**, 16 Jan 1782
 Fath. Nathaniel BONNELL
 Moth. Elizabeth ALLEN
 Children:

1. Smith B. 16 Jan 1783
2. Joseph B. 22 Jan 1788
3. Elizabeth B. 21 May 1791
 D. 21 Sep 1878, Fountain Co, IN

2. Jeremiah B. 1670, Elizabethtown, NJ
3. Daniel B. 1673, Elizabethtown, NJ
 D. 24 Feb 1741, Elizabeth, NJ
4. Nathaniel B. 1680, Elizabeth, NJ
 D. 13 Jan 1755, Elizabeth, NJ

2. Abigail B. 25 Jan 1703, Elizabeth, NJ
3. Benjamin B. 1706, Elizabeth, NJ D. Bef. 1777
4. Esther B. 1709
5. Samuel B. 1712, Elizabeth, NJ
6. Joseph B. 1714, Elizabeth, NJ
7. Sarah B. 1718, Elizabeth, NJ
8. Rebecca B. 1720, Elizabeth, NJ
9. Deborah B. 1721 D. 1790
10. Matthias B. 1722, Elizabeth, NJ

2. Stephen B. 1725, Westfield, NJ
3. Jacob B. 1730, Westfield, NJ
4. Isaac B. 1735, Westfield, NJ D. 6 Feb 1831
5. **Joseph**
 B. 1741, Westfield, NJ
 D. 7 Jun 1778, NJ
 M. **Ruth MILLER**

3. John B. 1764, Passaic Valley, NJ D. 13 Nov 1843, NJ
4. Joanna B. 1765
5. Ruth B. 1765, Passaic Valley, NJ D. 1866, OH
 M. Thomas JENNIFER
6. Stephen B. 21 Sep 1768, Passaic Valley, NJ
 M. Esther THOMPSON
7. Joseph B. 16 Jul 1770, Passaic Valley, NJ
 D. 3 Jun 1829, OH
8. Elizabeth B. 21 Dec 1771, Passaic Valley, NJ
 M. Daniel DOTY
9. Abner B. 16 May 1773, Passaic Valley, NJ
 D. 3 Apr 1848, Red Lion, OH
10. Jonathan B. 8 Dec 1774, Passaic Valley, NJ
11. Isaac B. 1775 D. 18 Jul 1777, IN
12. Moses B. 3 Nov 1778

4. Jonathan B. 2 Jul 1793, PCo, WV
 D. 25 Feb 1859, Benton Co, MO
5. Samuel B. 29 Sep 1795 D. 10 Aug 1820
6. **John (established Cranesville)**
 B. 26 Aug 1799 D. 15 Nov 1858, Harford Co, MD
 Bur. Cranesville Cem., Cranesville, PCo, WV
 M. **Nancy DUNHAM**
7. Jacob B. 19 Apr 1802 D. 1 Oct 1859, PCo, WV
8. Calvin B. 4 Aug 1805, MCo, WV
 D. 28 Jun 1886

Elizabeth, originally called "Elizabethtown" is located in Union County, New Jersey. Westfield is also located in Union County.

Deeds confirm that April 1, 1868, Joseph C. ("Sol") and Mariah Feather purchased "280 acres in the County of Preston in what is commonly called the 'Pineswamp Settlement near Cranesville'," from Philip and Mary Dennis. Dennis had obtained most of the land from the John Crane heirs except for a small portion acquired from Hauger who had obtained it from the Crane heirs.

Wild life was abundant in the Cranesville area as evidenced in the "Cranesville Items" of *The Republican*, November 9, 1879: "During the past few days Saul Sines has killed two bears, one deer and fourteen turkeys, and it wasn't a good time for hunting either." Other sources refer to mountain lions and bobcats. Mink, weasel, and shrew also made their homes in the swamp. Around 1950 beavers were introduced. Today it is not uncommon to see black bears.

The Republican newspaper, established in 1877, printed other early "Cranesville Items" of interest about the thriving community:

The Republican, unknown date - "Cranesville normal school, taught by S. T. Wiley, is in a prosperous condition." (S. T. Wiley was the author of the popular History of Preston County published in 1882.)

The Republican, July 21, 1883 - A Knights of Pythians hall, an "opera" house, a hotel, and a post office were part of the community.

The Republican, September 1, 1883 - The "Cranesville Literary and Music Society" was formed. It was later reported to be "moving along smoothly."

In another Cranesville related story, *The Republican*, April 14, 1883, reported an "ophthalmic" operation consisting of the removal of an eye, and still another, the amputation of an arm. Dr. Fichtner performed both surgeries in Cranesville.

Dr. Fichtner was one of three doctors who served in the area. The other two were Dr. Pernell and Dr. Henry. They made their rounds on horseback to visit patients.

Dr. Albion S. Fichtner owned property in the area, and not only practiced medicine in Cranesville but also was a teacher of at least two students. One of his students was E.E. Enlow who wrote a regular column in *The Republican* newspaper. Mr. Enlow reported that the doctor had ordered a human skeleton for their studies. (E. E. Enlow is famous in Garrett County, Maryland, for his book *Hoye's Pioneer Families of Garrett County*.)

Still more articles about Dr. Fichtner were included in the "Cranesville Items" in the newspaper.

The Republican, May 12, 1883 - Being a lover of natural scenery the writer (E. E. Enlow), in company with Dr. Albion Fichtner, climbed to the top of a neighboring mountain to view the surrounding country, when we fully convinced ourselves that our quiet little hamlet will at some future day be a place of no little note, being surrounded by noble lands, the greater part of which are now laid out into valuable farms. There is also plenty of lime, and an abundance of timber, such as hemlock, oak, etc., which will supply the country, for some time to come. All told, we are highly pleased with our situation.

The Republican, July 23, 1883 - Dr. B. A. Fichtner, of Confluence, Pa., whilst on his way to this place, killed a rattlesnake that measured 5 feet, 5-1/2 inches.

The Republican, May 12, 1883 - Dr. Albion Fichtner, our worthy physician, is erecting quite a commodious residence. (This was likely the house located near Muddy Creek bridge. It was, indeed, a fine three-story structure with porches on all stories. The house which served as a hotel burned.)

The Republican, September 1, 1883 - Mr. A. J. Sanders is doing carpenter work for Dr. A. S. Fichtner.

About the same time Sol Feather bought his farm, Henry G. Davis retired from the B. & O. Railroad and established an extensive lumber business in Garrett County, Maryland. He built tram roads to carry timber and lumber. One of the branches began at Cranesville, ran through the Pine Swamp, and on to Hutton, Maryland.

The famed "Swamp Angel," a thirteen-ton locomotive with flanged wooden wheels, ran continuously except on Sundays, taking six railroad carloads at a time on tracks that were constructed of 2 x 8-inch wood. It made three trips in forty-eight hours, two in daytime and one at night. Swamp Angel operated in Pine Swamp between 1882 and 1900.



1974 replica of the Swamp Angel locomotive.



Three cars in front and three behind hauled logs to the mill.

Among the early industries in the community were a shook shop (barrel factory), a tannery, and a still for the extraction of wintergreen oil, made from the teaberry leaves which flourished on the hillsides. At one time in the 1900s three stores operated and the community in which Sol Feather and his family lived boasted one stone mason, one carpenter, two blacksmiths, two doctors, and three religious denominations.

Over the years, three buildings of worship existed in Cranesville. The first was the Union Church, a large brick building which John Crane had built in 1854 for use by all denominations. That was followed by the Methodist Episcopal Church, and in 1874 (dedicated in 1876), the Lutheran Church. In 1950 the Methodist Church underwent a renovation which included the addition of a basement and a coal furnace, as well as a new entrance. The building was razed after the dedication of Faith United Methodist Church in the early 1960s.



Cranesville Lutheran Church dedicated in 1876 and razed 1936.



Cranesville M. E. Church, 1940s.



Cranesville Methodist Church, May 1957.

Throughout the years, farming has been the main livelihood for most families in the Cranesville area. Buckwheat was among the most commonly grown crops. Buckwheat cakes and sausage served with golden maple syrup were everyday breakfast fare, and often served for other meals.

Until the 1900s, grain was harvested by hand with scythes, put into shocks, and left in the fields to dry before being thrashed. Thrashing was a major activity and required about 12 men. Each man worked for the other 11 in exchange for their help. No one was paid except the individual who owned the machine.

Thrashing day required the efforts of the whole family as the ladies were expected to provide at least one meal and sometimes two. Usually one or more neighbor ladies showed up to help prepare the meal. When it was time to eat, the table was laden with chicken (and/or other meat), hot gravy, piles of mashed potatoes, a variety of garden vegetables, fresh baked bread and many other items. The main meal was followed by a generous helping of dessert which was often home made pie. Everyone ate heartily and enjoyed the conversation that accompanied the meal.

When the job was completed, the men and the machine would move on to the next farm to repeat the activity.

Eli Albright owned the only thrashing machine in the Cranesville community and he likely did Sol Feather's thrashing. Mr. Albright began with a horse-drawn machine, but replaced it with a steam powered tractor which he probably used in Orval Feather's time. Oliver Kelly purchased the machine and he replaced the steam engine with a modern tractor used in Frank Feather's time. One internet site described the thrashing machine. "The equipment resembled a brontosaurus in size and shape and likewise, faced extinction."

By the 1950s, combines began replacing thrashing machines. A combine cut the grain and thrashed it in one operation. It was no longer necessary to let the grain dry in the shocks. The new machine completed the same work as the thrashing machine but with much less effort, much less time, and only one worker. Community spirit inspired by the day-long thrashing events was no longer part of the country life.

Other work projects often developed into social affairs. Challenging, repetitious activities which fell into this category were quilting and corn husking. Often these time consuming jobs were made fun by turning them into social activities such as "quilting parties" and "corn husking parties."

Ripe corn was picked from the stalks, hauled to the barn, and piled on the barn floor. On a specified evening, young and old would gather for a husking party. They sat around the pile and

removed the husks, one ear at a time. Occasionally, much to the delight of the husker, a red ear would be found. It was good for a kiss from the individual of his/her choice. Refreshments were enjoyed, and sometimes live fiddle and/or guitar music was provided. The evening was accompanied by much talking and laughter.

By the middle of the 1940s the task of corn husking by hand was a thing of the past as the job was then being performed by machines.

The local school was an important part of the community and provided social activities for everyone, both young and old. Popular school activities involving adults included box socials, spelling B's, and ciphering matches.

A *box social* was a fund-raising event in which donated boxed lunches (or suppers) were auctioned off to the highest bidder. The purchaser then got the honor of eating with the lady who prepared the box. Sometimes bidding became very competitive. All the eligible young girls prepared boxes, and it has been said that many a marriage was brought about by the box social.

Spelling bees were conducted once a week in many schools, usually Friday afternoons. All who were old enough participated. Two people named as Captains took turns choosing individuals to be on their teams. Teams stood in lines facing each other and took turns spelling words pronounced by the teacher. When a student misspelled a word, he or she was out of the contest. The last person standing was the winner. Evening matches among adults became very popular and competitive. They generated great excitement.

Ciphering matches required participants to correctly solve arithmetic problems on the blackboard in a race against time.

According to *The Republican*, February 2, 1884, Cranesville School had 70 pupils with W. R. Shaffer, Principal, and M. L. Cramer, Assistant. Twenty-five years later the number enrolled was fewer than 50 students with one teacher.



*Graduating Class 1915
C. F. Cuppett, Teacher
Hazel Elsey, Frank Feather,
and Flo Falkenstine.*



*Cranesville School - last day of school, 1915.
Both Frank and Leo Feather are in this picture.*



Cranesville School, 1915. Far Left: Teacher, Foster Cuppett. Frank Feather is in the back row next to the window. Leo Feather is directly in front of Frank, a hand on his shoulder.



Cranesville School, 1936-37. Pictured top to bottom: Teacher, D. C. (Doris) Dodge. Top row: Paul Pysell, Jane Feather, Charles Atkinson, Dale Friend, Vernon Groves, Robert "Tucker" Atkinson, Earnest Sypolt. Middle row: Berlin Cuppett, Wanda Sampson (minister's daughter), Betty Groves, Marge Gordon, Laurene Atkinson, Tom Haigh, Dale Sypolt. Bottom row: Barbara Ann Haigh, Flo Atkinson, Alice Ann Feather, Dorothy Pysell, Joe Haigh, Harold Groves, and Tom Feather.

During the summer of 1937, both the inside and outside of Cranesville School were remodeled. All new windows were installed and the porch was enclosed, making a small room on each side of the entrance.

Jane, Alice Ann, and Tom Feather all attended the school at various times. Alice Ann taught the 1951-52 school year there.



Cranesville School as it looked after it was remodeled in 1937.



Cranesville bus parked in Terra Alta when Charles Falkenstine drove the route.

Jane, Alice Ann, Tom and sometimes Charles and Robert Feather rode the bus pictured here. All graduated from Terra Alta High School.

Frank Feather also graduated from the same high school in 1920. Busses did not exist at that time. Instead, it was customary for students to board with someone in the area of the school.



Terra Alta High School (1881-1891) in the 1940s.

The telephone was the news media as well as the entertainment of the day. Around 1900, interested parties held a planning meeting to establish a local telephone line which would extend “from Henry via Cranesville and Pleasant Hill to Terra Alta.” (*The Republican*, Feb. 6, 1896)

Telephone lines were shared and each party line consisted of about eight households. Individual households were assigned a unique ring, such as two shorts identified as ring, ring; two longs, by rrrring, rrrring; a short and a long, ring, rrrring, etc. Everyone knew everyone else’s ring and each party heard all the rings. Although no one admitted to it, everyone listened to everyone’s calls on the line. This was especially true during the long confining winter months.

Originally, rings were created by the old hand crank method. Later the rotary dial was used. In order to call anyone who was not on your line, it was necessary to crank one extra long ring to reach the switchboard operator. At the turn of the century, the local telephone exchange (switchboard) was housed in the store owned by Frank and Flossie Gutherie. The store was later owned by the Wilhelm family. The local switchboard was no longer needed after rotary dialing came about.

The system worked fairly well until electricity came to the area in the late 1930s. The electric lines created a hum in the phones which made it difficult to hear. However, the company which was formed at the turn of the century operated until the mid 1950s when the C&P Telephone Company replaced the system.

About three miles south of Cranesville is the Lake Ford Community. Browning Dam was located there prior to 1956 when a storm washed it out. Each winter when the dam froze over, men from both communities would gather for ice cutting.

The ice was stored in a special insulated house for use during the summer. The “ice house,” a tall, square, windowless building with the door at the top, was located on the Ross and Maude Teets property at Lake Ford, about a mile from the dam.

A saw, similar to a cross-cut saw with only one handle was used to cut blocks about 2 or 2-1/2 feet square from the ice. The blocks were loaded on a sled and hauled to the ice house where they were hoisted (probably by pulley) and dropped into the ice house through the door at the top. Ice tongs were used to handle the blocks. Each layer of ice was buried in a layer of sawdust.

When the ice was needed, ladders provided access to the top of the ice house. To retrieve the ice, a rod was punched into the sawdust below to locate a block which was then uncovered and lifted out with the help of the pulley. The idea was that whoever helped cut the ice was entitled to use it, but it seemed available for anyone who asked.

Each year Mr. and Mrs. Teets hosted an ice cream party. Some families brought ice cream freezers with the mixture ready to be packed with ice and frozen. Other families brought a cake. It was the men’s job to turn the ice cream freezers and they did it with lots of joviality and stories. Then it was game time. This gave the ice cream time to firm up. Everyone, young, old, and in-between, joined in circle games which had no limit to the number of people who could play. The two most popular games were “Drop the Hankie,” and “Three Deep.”

At times, the village of Cranesville was snowbound for more than a week. Road maintenance came from Kingwood where there was only one plow for all of Preston County. Children didn’t seem to mind the snow. They rode sleds, built snowmen, and had snowball fights for fun. Frequently the snow was deep enough that they could build tunnels in it. All these activities were common to the families of Frank and Leo Feather and probably the families before that.



Snow plow on the Feather Road.



Cranesville school bus, 1977. Used by permission of Richard L. Hopkins, Pioneer Press, Terra Alta, WV.

In the early days snow did not mean closing schools. If the teacher could get there either by walking or by horseback, school was conducted. The high school in Terra Alta did not close if busses could not get there. The practice of school closings began in the 1960s after communications had developed, enabling word to be spread.

The year 1977 produced record snowfalls and schools were closed for weeks. The picture at left was taken as Cranesville school bus driver Jim McConnell was checking the clearance. Standing on the hood of the bus is Jim's son "Butch."

The pictures below of Frank and Leo Feather shoveling to the garage, and Mary outside the backdoor, depict the heavy snowfall at the Feather farm during various years.



Frank (barely visible) and Leo, 1958.



Mary (Callis) Feather, February 1972.

In the 1970s or 1980s the road leading from Cranesville past the Feather farm was officially named Feather Road and signs identifying it were erected at both ends of the road. For a number of years there was one sign for both "Feather Road" and "Pysell Road." In 2010 the name of "Pysell Road" was changed to "Loop Road" and a separate sign was erected. The signs give an idea of the depth of the snow in the winter of 2010. (Some of the snow may have been created by the snow blower when opening the road.)



Sheila (Feather) Mann, Brenda and Ricky Mann and Tom Feather, 1994.



Some local Cranesville residents demonstrate the depth of the snow.



Alice (Feather) Eary. The new Loop Rd sign.

Cranesville Swamp in 2008

The Feather property included a portion of what was formerly known as the great Pine Swamp which lies on the border of Preston County, West Virginia and Garrett County, Maryland. It is likely that famed Meshach Browning spent some of his later life with his sons at the lower end of the swamp and hunted there.

Later renamed Cranesville Swamp, it is now nationally known for its unique plants and animals, and many tourists visit it annually. West Virginia and Maryland Universities also use it for biological studies. The swamp is preserved by The Nature Conservancy, including most of the land that had been in the Feather family since 1868. A 1,500-foot board walk has been installed for better access.



Cranesville Swamp, formerly Pine Swamp.



A planned group tour.



Looking ahead.

The Feather Family

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----- VÄTTER / FETTER / FEATHERS / FEATHER -----

Joseph Christian FEATHER

M. **Maria** (last name unknown)

Jacob FEATHER

B. 10 Sep 1759, Frankenthal, Germany

D. 22 May 1832, Craborchard, Lenox, PCo, WV

Bur. Lenox Cem., PCo, WV

Fath. Joseph Christian FEATHER

Moth. Maria (last name unknown)

M. **Mary CONNOLLY**, 24 May 1791,

Milford Twp, Bedford Co, PA

B. 27 Mar 1769, Bedford Co, (later Somerset), PA

D. 22 Oct 1860, Craborchard, Lenox, PCo, WV

Bur. Lenox Cem., PCo, WV

Children:

1. Mary Ann

B. 28 Oct 1792, Bedford Co, PA

D. 12 Dec 1794, Bedford Co, PA

2. John Solomon

B. 8 Feb 1794, Milford, Bedford Co, PA

D. 25 Mar 1870, PCo, WV

Bur. Lenox Cem., PCo, WV

M. Mary ERVIN, 9 Jun 1816

B. 19 Feb 1800, MCo, WV

D. 30 Sep 1878, PCo, WV

Bur. Lenox Cem., PCo, WV

Fath. Issac ERVIN Moth. Eva

3. Jacob, Jr.

B. 2 Mar 1796, Somerset Co, PA

D. 24 Dec 1847, PCo, WV

Bur. Kingwood, PCo, WV

M(1). Mary SISLER, Bef. 1819

M(2). Susan Mah WOLFE

Fath. George WOLFE Moth. Nancy BEAR

M(3). Mary SILGENS (or SIGGENS)

4. Eve Catharine

B. 16 Jan 1798, Somerset Co, PA

D. 17 Dec 1854, Terra Alta, PCo, WV

Bur. Lenox Cem., PCo, WV

M. John LEWIS

B. 1797, PCo, WV D. Terra Alta, PCo, WV

Bur. Lenox Cem., PCo, WV

Fath. Henry LEWIS II

5. Adam

B. 25 Apr 1800, Somerset Co, PA

D. 30 Jul 1884, PCo, WV

Bur. Lenox Cem., PCo, WV

M(1). Mary SUMMERS

B. 19 May 1804, PA D. 19 Jan 1827, MD

Fath. John SUMMERS

Moth. Mary FRANKHOUSER

M(2). Sabra Eusebia SUMMERS

B. 1807, PA

Fath. John SUMMERS

Moth. Mary FRANKHOUSER

6. Christian

B. 15 Aug 1802, Somerset Co, PA

D. 1 Jan 1883, PCo, WV

Bur. Lenox Cem., PCo, WV

M. Catharine DUNHAM

B. 15 Jul 1821, Wymps Gap, PA

D. Harrison Co, WV

Bur. Lenox Cem., PCo, WV

7. Zaccheus

B. 14 Jul 1805, Craborchard, PCo, WV

D. 1 Mar 1891, Lenox, PCo, WV

Bur. Lenox Cem., PCo, WV

M. Elizabeth ERVIN

B. 6 Aug 1814, PCo, WV

D. 26 Jan 1898, Lenox, PCo, WV

Bur. Lenox Cem., PCo, WV

Fath. Issac ERVIN Moth. Eva

8. Sarah

B. 24 Jun 1807, Craborchard, PCo, WV

D. 24 May 1893, Washington, IA

M. James BEATTY

B. 1802, MCo, WV D. Washington, IA

Fath. Robert BEATTY Moth. HOKE

9. **James Albert**

B. 26 Jun 1810 D. 29 May 1886

M(1). **Catharine Jane LEWIS** (Catherine)

M(2). Christeen SUMMERS

10. Jane Virginia

B. 14 Oct 1812, Craborchard, PCo, WV

D. 2 Oct 1876, PCo, WV

Bur. Kingwood, PCo, WV

M. Israel SHAFFER

B. 2 Mar 1810, MD

D. 27 Mar 1897 PCo, WV

Fath. Benjamin SHAFFER

Moth. Catharine Susannah RECKART

11. Joseph

B. 14 Sep 1816, Craborchard, PCo, WV

D. 29 Jun 1896, PCo, WV

Bur. Bruceton Mills, PCo, WV

M. Lydia HARTMAN

B. 20 May 1819 D. 3 Feb 1898, PCo, WV

Bur. Bruceton Mills, PCo, WV

Fath. Michael HARTMAN Moth. Sarah MILLER

May 24, 1791, David Jones, Esq. performed the marriage ceremony for Jacob “Fetter” and Mary Connoly. Together Jacob and Mary had eleven children. Six were born in Milford Township, Bedford County, Pennsylvania. The first died at two years of age. In 1804, Jacob moved his family to an area known as Crab Orchard (Craborchard) near Lenox in Preston County, West Virginia, which at that time was still part of Virginia. Five of the children were born there.

This is to certify that on the twenty fourth Day of may in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty one are joined together in Holy Matrimony, Jacob Dutton of Milford township in the County of Bedford with Mary Connolly of the same place as Witness our hands this day and year above written —

Jacob Dutton Letter
Maria Letter
Cornelius Reiley
James Wilson
John Miller
Shob Wilson
John Lissie
Monica Holloway
John no miller
John Brooke Jones
William King
John Heustice
Thomas Cox

Rebecca Wilson
Mary Jones
Martha Wilson
Eleanor Jones
Rachel King
Catherine Skinner
Elizabeth Phillips
Elizabeth Miller
Martha Carter

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6.14.3
Virginia
Mary Feather
 Widow of *Jacob Feather*
 on *P. Roll Fetter*
 who served in the Revolutionary
 war, as a *Private Pa Line*
 Inscribed on the Roll at the rate of
70 Dollars *55*
 cents per annum, to commence on
 the 4th day of March, 1848.
 Certificate of Pension issued the
 7 day of *Sept 1853*
 and sent to *Evans & Taut*
Muscut
 Recorded on Roll of Pensioners under act
 of 22, 1848, Page *13*, Vol. *3*
February

Copy of Mary Feather's September 7, 1853, "Pension Certificate."

Jacob died somewhat suddenly at age 72. His widow, Mary, applied for and was issued "The Certificate of Pension" for his service in the Continental Army. She received \$70.55 per year.

Mary (Connoly) Feather died in October, 1860, at the age of 91. She and Jacob are buried at Lenox Memorial Cemetery, Preston County, West Virginia, (formerly known as Lutheran Cemetery). A marker for his service in the Revolutionary War is placed at his burial site.

Lenox Memorial Cemetery

(formerly Lutheran Cemetery)

Located in Preston County, West Virginia, 5 miles North East of Albright.



Lenox Memorial Cemetery.



Jacob Feather stone.



Mary (Connoly) Feather stone.



Revolutionary War marker for Jacob Feather.

James Albert FEATHER

B. 26 Jun 1810, Craborchard, PCo, WV

D. 29 May 1886, PCo, WV

Bur. Lenox Cem., PCo, WV

Fath. Jacob FEATHER

Moth. Mary CONNOLY

M(1). **Catharine Jane LEWIS** (Catherine),

14 Jul 1831, PCo, WV

B. 27 Oct 1809, Craborchard, PCo, WV

D. 25 Aug 1839, PCo, WV

Bur. PCo, WV

Fath. John LEWIS

Moth. Elizabeth TROWBRIDGE

Children M(1):

1. Jacob

B. 5 May 1832, PCo, WV

D. 4 Sep 1889, PCo, WV

Bur. Maplewood Cem., Kingwood, PCo, WV

M. Sabina Jane LISTON, 30 Mar 1862

B. 27 May 1837, Fayette Co, PA

D. 18 Dec 1919, PCo, WV

Bur. Kingwood, PCo, WV

Fath. Benjamin LISTON

Moth. Mary Magdalena FALKENSTEIN

2. Malinda Jane

B. 28 Mar 1834, PCo, WV

D. 2 Apr 1888, PCo, WV

M. John Nelson WHITE,

23 Dec 1856, PCo, WV

B. 1827, Albright, PCo, WV

D. 13 Oct 1864

3. **Joseph Czalmon** ("Sol")

B. 30 May 1837 D. 22 Apr 1920

M. **Mariah Hannah KELLEY**

M(2). Christeen SUMMERS, 14 Apr 1841

B. 1 Nov 1818, PA D. 26 May 1885

Children M(2):

4. Mary Anna

B. 23 Dec 1841, PCo, WV

D. 18 Nov 1919, Cranesville, PCo, WV

M. Albert TEETS

B. 20 Mar 1841 D. 18 Nov 1918, PCo, WV

Bur Lenox Cem., PCo, WV

5. Catherine Annie

B. 27 Jun 1843, PCo, WV

D. 2 Sep 1851, PCo, WV

Bur. PCo, WV

6. John Wesley

B. 1 Dec 1845, PCo, WV

D. 4 Sep 1851, PCo, WV

Bur. PCo, WV

7. David

B. 25 Jun 1847, Kingwood, PCo, WV

D. 10 May 1930, Cuzzart, PCo, WV

Bur. Cuzzart, PCo, WV

M. Nancy Jane ERVIN

B. 5 Aug 1845, PCo, WV

D. 29 Oct 1941, PCo, WV

Bur. Cuzzart, PCo, WV

Fath. James ERVIN

Moth. Mary Elizabeth KELLEY

8. Adam

B. 30 Nov 1848, PCo, WV

D. 12 Sep 1851, PCo, WV

Bur. PCo, WV

9. Sarah Margaret

B. 4 May 1850, PCo, WV

D. 25 Nov 1876, PCo, WV

M. John R. SCOTT,

11 Sep 1872, Brandonville, PCo, WV

10. Hannah Eliza

B. 24 Nov 1851, PCo, WV

D. 21 Jan 1929, Cranesville, PCo, WV

M. Rev. Albert ENGLE,

7 Mar 1872, PCo, WV

Fath. Clement V. ENGLE

Moth. Harriet LONG

11. Martha Ellen

B. 20 Jul 1853, PCo, WV

D. 18 Mar 1932, PCo, WV

M. Rev. Robert VANMETER,

31 Dec 1874

B. 1850, Mason Co, WV

12. Elizabeth Emmer

B. 21 Jul 1855, PCo, WV

M. Taylor FRIEND

13. Matilda Rebecca

B. 19 Jan 1858, PCo, WV

D. 14 Dec 1947

M(1). Benton McNAIR

M(2). Joseph GRAHAM

14. Samuel Equatious

B. 25 Aug 1860, PCo, WV

D. 4 Apr 1942, PCo, WV

Bur. Cuzzart, PCo, WV

M. Mary Ann DEBERRY,

1 Feb 1883, PCo, WV

B. 2 Jul 1862, PCo, WV

D. 29 Dec 1943, PCo, WV

Bur. Cuzzart, PCo, WV

Fath. Jonas DEBERRY

Moth. Lucinda WOLFE

James Feather's childhood history is unknown. Most of his married life he may have lived at Wiley, West Virginia, ten miles east of Kingwood. According to the 1860 census, James was a farmer and owned 70 acres on Muddy Creek, 12 miles NE of the courthouse. He was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

James fathered three children by his first wife, Catharine Jane Lewis, and eleven more by his second wife, Christeen Summers. Gravestones show that within ten days, September 2, 1851 to September 12, 1851, three of their children died. Their ages ranged from two to eight years.

James died of paralysis at the age of 65 at the home of his son, Samuel E. Feather. His wife Christeen had died a year earlier. She is named on the gravestone as "Christeny."

No stone has been found for Catharine Jane.



James Albert Feather stone.

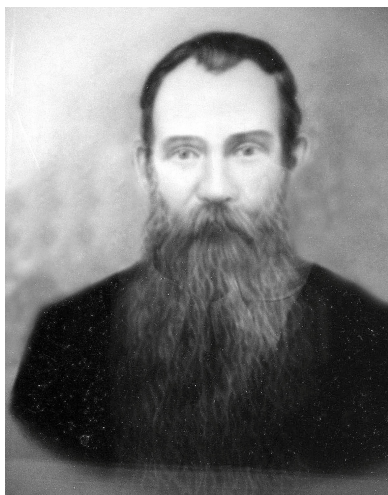


*Christeen (Summers) Feather stone,
second wife of James Albert Feather.*

*He alone deserves to be remembered by his children
who treasures up and preserves the memory of his fathers.*

. . . Edmund Burke

Joseph Czalmon Feather



Joseph Czalmon FEATHER

B. 30 May 1837, Kingwood, PCo, WV
D. 22 Apr 1920, Cranesville, PCo, WV
Bur. Kelley Cem., PCo, WV
Fath. James Albert FEATHER
Moth. Catharine Jane LEWIS (Catherine)
M. **Mariah Hannah KELLEY**,
1 Sep 1864, Masontown, PCo, WV
B. 11 Sep 1838, PCo, WV
D. 15 Nov 1904, Cranesville, PCo, WV
Bur. Kelley Cem., PCo, WV
Fath. Joseph KELLEY
Moth. Dorcas BROWNING

Mariah Hannah (Kelley) Feather



Children:

1. Louisa M.
B. 12 Aug 1866
D. 28 Aug 1874, Cranesville, PCo, WV
2. **Orval Dayton**
B. 10 May 1870 D. 13 Apr 1930
M. **Alice Josephine CODDINGTON**
3. William Franklin
B. 28 Sep 1874
D. 28 Mar 1892, Cranesville, PCo, WV

Joseph Czalmon Feather, (fondly known as “Sol” or “Uncle Sol”), was born May 30, 1837, in Kingwood, Preston County, West Virginia. He was the third and last child of James Albert Feather and Catharine Jane (Lewis) Feather. Sol was only two years old when his mother died August 25, 1839. Two years later, April 14, 1841, his father married Christeen Summers. It is likely that Christeen raised Sol and he grew up in the vicinity of Crab Orchard, Preston County, West Virginia.

During the Civil War, Private Joseph Feather (Sol) served in Company I, 4th Cavalry Regiment in the Union Army which was organized August 1863. He was mustered out in April 1864. According to Dorothy B. Snyder, author and historian, his regiment probably saw duty at Parkersburg, Clarksburg, Grafton, New Creek and other points on the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad. He served as a farrier, shoeing the horses and treating their diseases, and that became his life long profession. Sol made a good living buying, selling, and doctoring horses. *The Republican*, Oct. 2, 1913, referred to Mr. Sol Feathers (Feather), of Cranesville, as “one of West Virginia’s successful stock men.”

September 1, 1864, Sol married Mariah Hannah Kelley, granddaughter of Meshach Browning, who grew up about three miles from Cranesville in the area commonly known as the Kelley Corner.

After their marriage Sol and Mariah lived at Cranesville, Preston County, West Virginia on the 280 acre farm they purchased April 1, 1868. They continued to live there until their deaths. On that farm they raised three children. A daughter Lousia died when she was 8 years old, and a son William F. died when he was 17. Both died at Cranesville. The third son, Orval Dayton, lived to be 59 years old and died at Oakland, Maryland. All are buried in Preston County in the Kelley Cemetery.

In the late eighteen hundreds Sol built all the buildings needed on his farm and a new, larger home next to their original house. When Sol and Mariah moved into their new home, their son Orval and his wife Alice lived in the old house. After Mariah's death in November of 1904, Orval and his family moved into the new house to look after Sol, and they continued farming.

Many years later Alice said that when Sol was trying to decide whether to install a furnace or a bathroom in the house, he had let her make the choice. She chose the bathroom. The Feather home was one of the first homes in the area to have a bathroom.

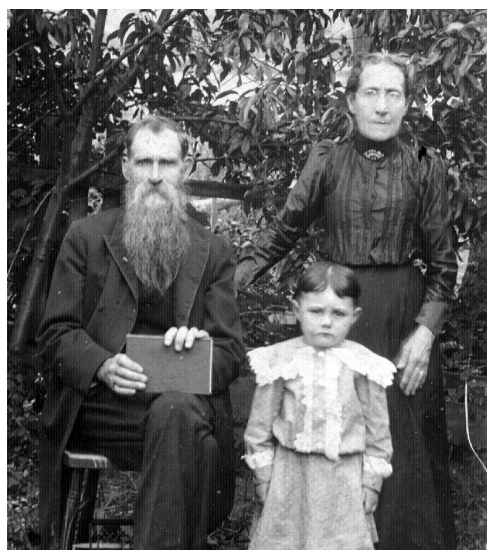
Although no longer owned by the Feather family, the house is still in use today.



The old house next to the main house.



The Sol Feather house.



Sol and Mariah Feather with grandson Frank.



Sol Feather on the porch of his new home.

Old timers in the Cranesville community spoke well of Sol and Mariah. Jesse Wilhelm, a neighbor about the age of Sol's grandson, Frank, liked going to Sol's home, and he remembered Sol's expertise in training and doctoring horses. Jess especially enjoyed listening to some of Sol's experiences with horses. A couple stories are shared here with the reader.

It was not uncommon for Gypsies to pass through the area. One group of Gypsies would take an attractive horse which they had trained to be calm, gentle, and manageable into a community where they would put it up for sale. Some unsuspecting soul would buy it unaware that the horse had been trained to perform flawlessly while the Gypsies were in command, but to be extremely disobedient for other people. The horse would buck, kick, and refuse to cooperate. The buyer did not realize that the horse had been trained to perform in that manner. The Gypsies would then offer to buy back the horse for less money than had been paid for it, thus making a profit. Sol learned of the dishonest game, and the next time the Gypsies tried their scheme he was there. He bought the horse, took off his jacket and tied it over the horse's head covering its eyes. Then he led the horse quietly and peaceably home. The Gypsies were in hot pursuit offering Sol a larger sum of money than he had paid them for it.

Another time Sol purchased an obstinate horse that refused to move whenever it was hitched to anything. Every attempt to get the horse to work was fruitless. Sol took the horse about a half mile from the barn into the woods on his farm. He cut down a small tree and hitched the stubborn horse to it, and then Sol went home. About three hours later he saw the horse, still hitched to the small tree, standing by the barn. After the activity was repeated a number of times the horse became productive.

When Joseph Czalmon Feather died at his home in Cranesville, April 22, 1920, his obituary stated that "Uncle Sol was probably the oldest Pythian Knight in the country; certainly he was the oldest member of the local lodge."

Feather Stones in Kelley Cemetery

near Cranesville, Preston County, WV
(after restoration)



Left: Orval Feather stone. Right: Joseph and Mariah (Kelley) Feather stone.

Orval Dayton Feather
and
Alice (Coddington) Feather

Orval Dayton Feather



Orval Dayton FEATHER

B. 10 May 1870, Cranesville, PCo, WV
D. 13 Apr 1930, Oakland, GCo, MD
Bur. Kelley Cem., PCo, WV
Fath. Joseph Czalmon FEATHER
Moth. Mariah Hannah KELLEY
M. **Alice Josephine CODDINGTON**,
1 Jan 1894, Oakland, GCo, MD
B. 10 Feb 1873, Herrington Manor, GCo, MD
D. 6 Sep 1962, Cranesville, PCo, WV
Bur. Oakland Cem., GCo, MD

Alice Josephine (Coddington) Feather



Fath. Thomas CODDINGTON
Moth. Cecelia Josephine JAMISON
Children:

1. **Frank Jennings**
B. 8 May 1899 D. 27 Jul 1977
M. **Mary CALLIS**
2. **Leo Coddington**
B. 12 Sep 1902 D. 29 Dec 1986
M(1). **Mildred Virginia HARRIMAN**
M(2). Lillian Magdalene HECK ADAMS

Orval Dayton Feather was born May 10, 1870, at Cranesville, Preston County, West Virginia and spent his boyhood and youth there. His father was Joseph Czalmon Feather, commonly known as "Sol." His mother was Mariah Hannah (Kelley) Feather.

January 1, 1894, at Oakland, Maryland, Orval Dayton Feather and Alice Josephine Coddington were married by the Rev. R. Mattingly. They moved to the farm in Cranesville where they reared their two sons, Frank and Leo. They were well known and respected in the community.

Wayne Wolfe had fond memories of the Feather family. He recalled going with his father, Clayton Wolfe, to visit the Feathers while Sol was still living. He spoke of Sol's nice beard and jolly disposition and recalled the large collection of nick-knacks which Alice kept on her side-board. The cuckoo clock fascinated him. He mentioned the Oliver typewriter with three rows of keys instead of the later common four rows. (The typewriter has since been donated to the Garrett County Historical Society Museum in Oakland, Maryland.)

Clayton and Orval were often referred to as "Clate" and "Date" (for Dayton, Orval's middle name). Both Orval and Clayton played fiddle and were in demand at local square dances, so whenever the two were together there was always lively fiddle music. When Frank was present, he sometimes accompanied on the piano, and when Wayne became older he joined in with the guitar. It was stated of Orval that "he would rather fiddle than eat."

Preston Republican, April 4, 1912, stated that "O. D. Feather gave a musical concert at Cal Frazee's last Friday night."

After Sol's death in 1920, Orval and Alice made plans to move to Oakland. Saturday, November 4, 1922, they sold most of their possessions at auction. Among the many items listed on the sale bill were "2 head of Good Work Horses, 5 and 9 years old, wt. 1200 lbs.; 11 head 3 year old Cattle; 3 head of Good Milk Cows, 2 head of Fattening Hogs, 100 Chickens, hay, straw, fodder, oats, buckwheat, corn, and potatoes." Also listed was 1 Ford Runabout, Self-starter, Model 1921.

PUBLIC SALE

I will sell at PUBLIC AUCTION to the highest responsible bidder at my residence 1-4 mile South of Cranesville, W. Va., beginning at 9 o'clock A. M. sharp

Saturday, November 4th, 1922

the following desirable personal property:

2 head of Good Work Horses, 5 and 9 years old, wt. 1200 lbs.

11 head 3 year old Cattle, will weigh 11 or 12 hundred.

3 head of Good Milch Cows—2 Jerseys, 1 stock cow.

2 head of Fattening Hogs, 2 years old. 100 Chickens.

About 40 tons good timothy hay

300 bushels of Oats

About 6 tons Oats Straw

100 bushels Buckwheat

335 bundles of Fodder

250 bushels Ear Corn

200 bushels of A-No. 1 Potatoes

1 Ford Runabout, Self-starter, Model 1921

Turnbull Wagon. One Buggy. Set Bob-sleds, good as new. Pin Sted. 2 Mowing Machines. Horse Rake. Oliver-chilled Plow. Spring-tooth Harrow, 18-teeth, good as new. Post Punch. 16 lb. Post Maul. Scythe. Grass Sickle. Wagon Jack. 2 Garden Hose. Grindstone. 2 Cross-cut saws. Potato Fork. Garden Plow. 2 Lawn Mowers. Seven-shovel Cultivator with hillers. 2-shovel corn plow, dinner bell, 2 5-gallon cream cans, lot new 6-inch stove pipe, pair stilliards, barn door, track and rollers, double-bitted axe, large iron kettle, coal shovel and scoop, set log grabs and stretcher, 3 hand saws, tool chest, log chain, double-trees and single trees, 2 wire stretchers, 2 55-gallon steel gasoline drums, Lot cow chains, 1 1-2 horse power gasoline engine, good as new; 300-gallon steel water tank and gauge, power water pump, 12-foot line shaft with pulleys and belting, 10-gallon churn, Bluebell cream separator, incubator, hand sled, Singer sewing machine, Home-comfort wrought iron range, new; No. 3 Burnside heater, oil stove, copper kettles, lot of lamps, lot of crocks and jars, 2 men's saddles, side saddle, 4 horse collars, set buggy harness, 2 sets lead harness, also bridles, halters, &c., set of 200 foot check lines, set 12 foot check lines, Stromberg telephone, good as new, book case, 2 bedsteads and springs, single bedstead and springs, lounge, 2 set dining room chairs, 2 rocking chairs, 3 stands, dresser, sideboard, 3 cupboards, 1 chest, 3 tables and many articles too tedious to mention.

TERMS OF SALE—All sums less than \$10.00 must be cash on day of sale. All sums of \$10.00 and over I will give six month time, purchaser executing an interest bearing note with approved security, and all property must be settled for on day of sale. No property to be removed until terms are complied with.

Don't forget the date—Saturday, Nov. 4th, 1922, rain or shine

Lunch served at noon.

W. R. BROWNING, of Oakland, Md., Auctioneer

O. D. FEATHER,

PLEASE POST

CRANESVILLE, W. VA.

When the Feathers moved from the farm, they moved to the Bosley Building on Oak Street in Oakland, Maryland, (originally the old Bosley Hotel). They were living in a second floor apartment when the Clayton Wolfe family moved into the same building, same floor. The two families shared the bathroom, hall and exit stairs, as well as an old-fashioned chest-type ice-box refrigerator.

While they were there, Leo was working for West Penn Electric. He wired the “Bosley House” for electricity--a good replacement for the mantle-type gas lights. The house became one of the first in Oakland to have electric lights. (The Bosley building was closed to tenants and later torn down.)

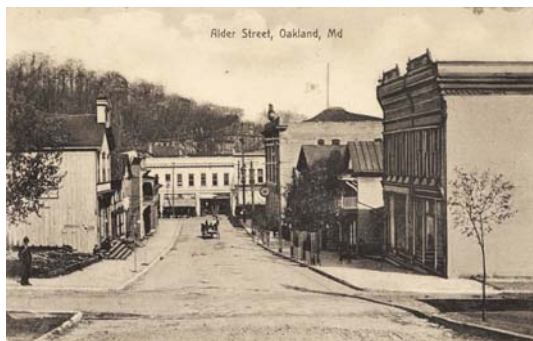
Around 1925 the Wolfes moved back to their Cranesville farm and the Feathers moved from the Bosley Building to the second floor of the Hamill Building on Third Street. (That building in the year of 2000 housed the Town Restaurant.) They were living there when Orval died prematurely and unexpectedly April 13, 1930, as a result of a fall at his home.



Bosley Building on Oak Street, Oakland, MD.



Orval and Alice (Coddington) Feather.



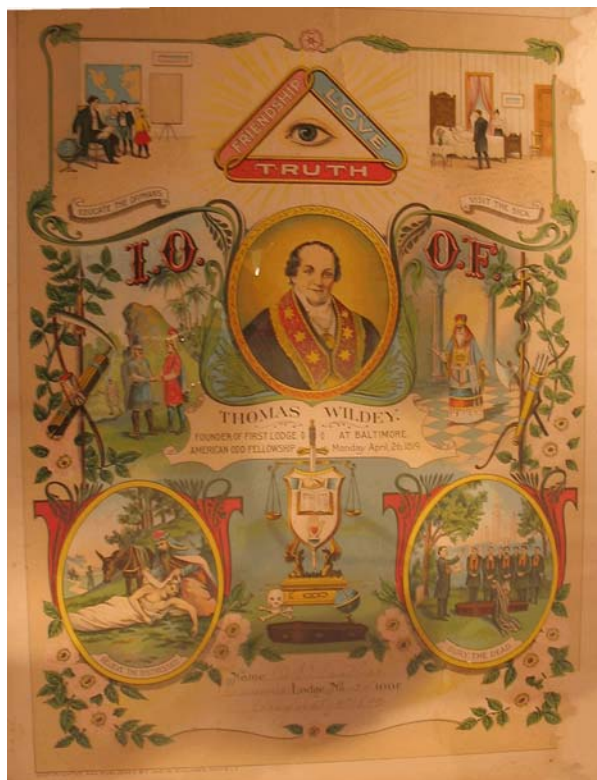
Far right: Hamill Building facing Alder Street.



Hamill Building on corner of Alder and 3rd Street, Oakland, MD.

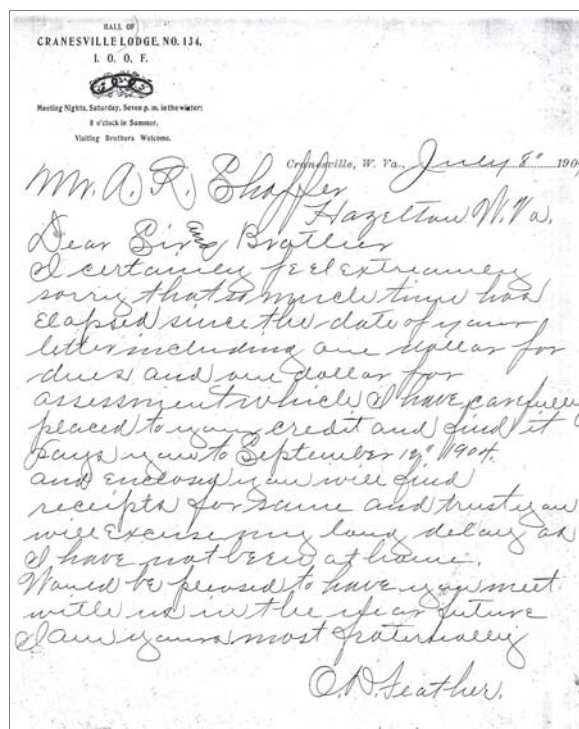
As was his father, Orval Feather was a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows (I.O.O.F.) which is an international "lodge" or brotherhood order. From the beginning, the "Commands of Odd Fellowship" were (1) Visit the sick, (2) Relieve the distressed, (3) Bury the dead, and (4) Educate the orphan. The Commands are still applicable today.

Items appeared in *The Republican* newspapers in 1899, 1902, and 1907, naming the officers installed for those years. O. D. Feather was elected as secretary for each of the years, and J. C. (Sol) Feather was named as treasurer. Other Feather members installed as officers during those years were J. A., L. L., and T. O. Feather.

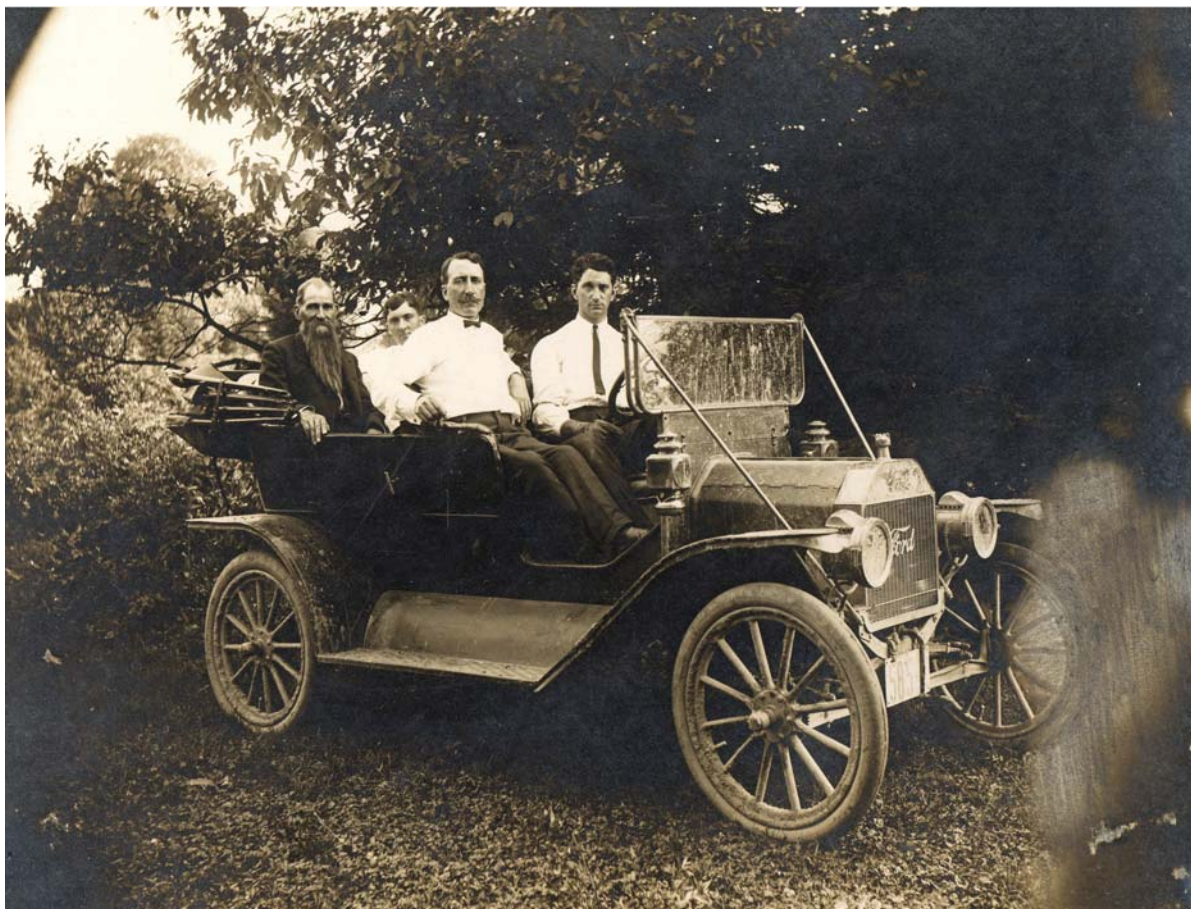


I.O.O.F. Certificate for O. D. Feather.

The handwriting on the beautiful certificate reads: "O. D. Feather, Cranesville, Lodge No. 134, August 19, 1892." Orval Dayton, son of Sol (or J. C.) Feather may have received it when he became a member. The original measures 22" x 28".



A handwritten letter dated July 8, 1904 by O.D. Feather in receipt of lodge dues and assessment.



In this picture of which most of the details are unknown, Orval Feather occupies the front passenger seat in one of the earliest cars in the area. His father, Sol Feather, sits directly behind him in the back seat of the Model T Ford.

"Every man is an omnibus in which his ancestors ride."

--Oliver Wendell Holmes

Alice Josephine Coddington was born February 10, 1873, in Garrett County, Maryland. There is reason to believe that she and her family lived in the Herrington Manor House. Grand children Jane and Alice Ann recall talk about the house, and Garrett County school records verify that for at least three years, Alice's father, Thomas, served as trustee for the Herrington School. Alice was nineteen years old when she married Orval Dayton Feather.

After Orval's death in 1930 Alice spent some time with her older son Frank and his wife Mary. One morning she did not appear from her bedroom until quite late. Mary was concerned and when she asked if anything was wrong, Alice answered that she had spent the time praying to St. Jude for a job. That afternoon a call came telling her of the need for a matron in a girls' school in Pittsburgh. (Keep in mind that the country was suffering from depression and jobs were hard to obtain.)

And so it was that Alice went to work in Pittsburgh. She was there until 1935 when her son Leo's wife Mildred died unexpectedly. Alice returned to Kingwood, Preston County, West Virginia to assist Leo with the rearing of his two young sons. When Leo was transferred with his job, Alice moved with them to Oakland. Later Leo took a job in Masontown, West Virginia where they remained for a few years. They then moved to Terra Alta, WV where they could share the responsibility of the young teens with the Harrimans, the maternal grandparents of Leo's boys. Sometime in the fifties, Alice moved in with Frank and Mary at Cranesville.

While at Cranesville Alice was visited often by her brother Horace and his wife Dora who lived in Oakland, and Alice's sister Lucy and her husband Frank Browning who lived in Terra Alta.

During Alice's time it was proper for a lady to wear a hat whenever she went out. Alice loved hats and was known for her fashionable hats. She was always particular about her appearance. Every night she rolled her hair on metal rollers which she removed the following morning.

Alice was a dignified and gentle lady with a pleasant disposition. The story was told of the salesman who was angry with her and finally said, "Lady, can't you see I'm angry." Without raising her voice, she very calmly replied, "and I'm angry too."

Her health declined slowly and September 6, 1962, Alice died at the Cranesville home place. She was laid to rest according to her wishes, in the Oakland Cemetery beside her brother, Horace, because of the difficulty of getting to the Kelley Cemetery where Orval was buried with other members of his family.



Horace Coddington, Alice, Frank, Orval, and Sol Feather.

Years after their deaths, Orval and his wife Alice were remembered by friends as a dapper man and a beautiful lady.



Orval and Alice (Coddington) Feather.



Leo and Frank Feather.



Leo and Frank Feather.

The following letter was written to Orval Feather by his son Frank at 14 years old. Frank was obviously at home at Cranesville, but it is not known where Orval was or why he was away.

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Cranesville Pa.
Feb 25, 1913.

Dear Papa.

How are you feeling
now. Grandpa is better
is up now.
Lula Beckert is working
for us now.

Papa, you ask who was at
our house, there was lots
here there is now one here
now.
I am writing this at about
9. Monday night I dated it
Tuesday.

Burtha is up now.
I suppose you got N. B. B. letter
she mailed it yesterday.
I haven't missed any school
yet.
But I teased and Ray Syppelt

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got shook up yesterday they got
their feet wet and pups tried
to make them take their shoes
off and pug said his feet stunk
then cups told them if he
caught them in the water again
he would and shure enough
they got in the water and he
shook them and good and hard.
Ray Ringer was gathering ice
down at folks dam and
he fell in and got wet and
said that he didnt touch
bottom I dont know who helped
him out.

I was talking to him this
morning on the telephone
he was asking about you.
I suppose you got a cammurs
card he sent on yesterday.
I am getting along fine with the

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work. you ask who all was here
I will name some of them.

Mr. & Mrs. Everly
Mr. Wilhelm
Ray Ringer
Uncle Asalm.

I cant name them all.
out of all only one horse was here
out of the bunch.

Mama got a letter from her doctor
and he took you up at your
offer 3.00.
and wanted it by return mail.
There was a great down at
Swallows falls the other night
but I ~~don't~~ didn't go.
mama wasnt very well.
Mama said for me to write and
ask you how to answer the D. M.

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We heard that Smith Formum
dropped dead in his yard at Tennant
yesterday.

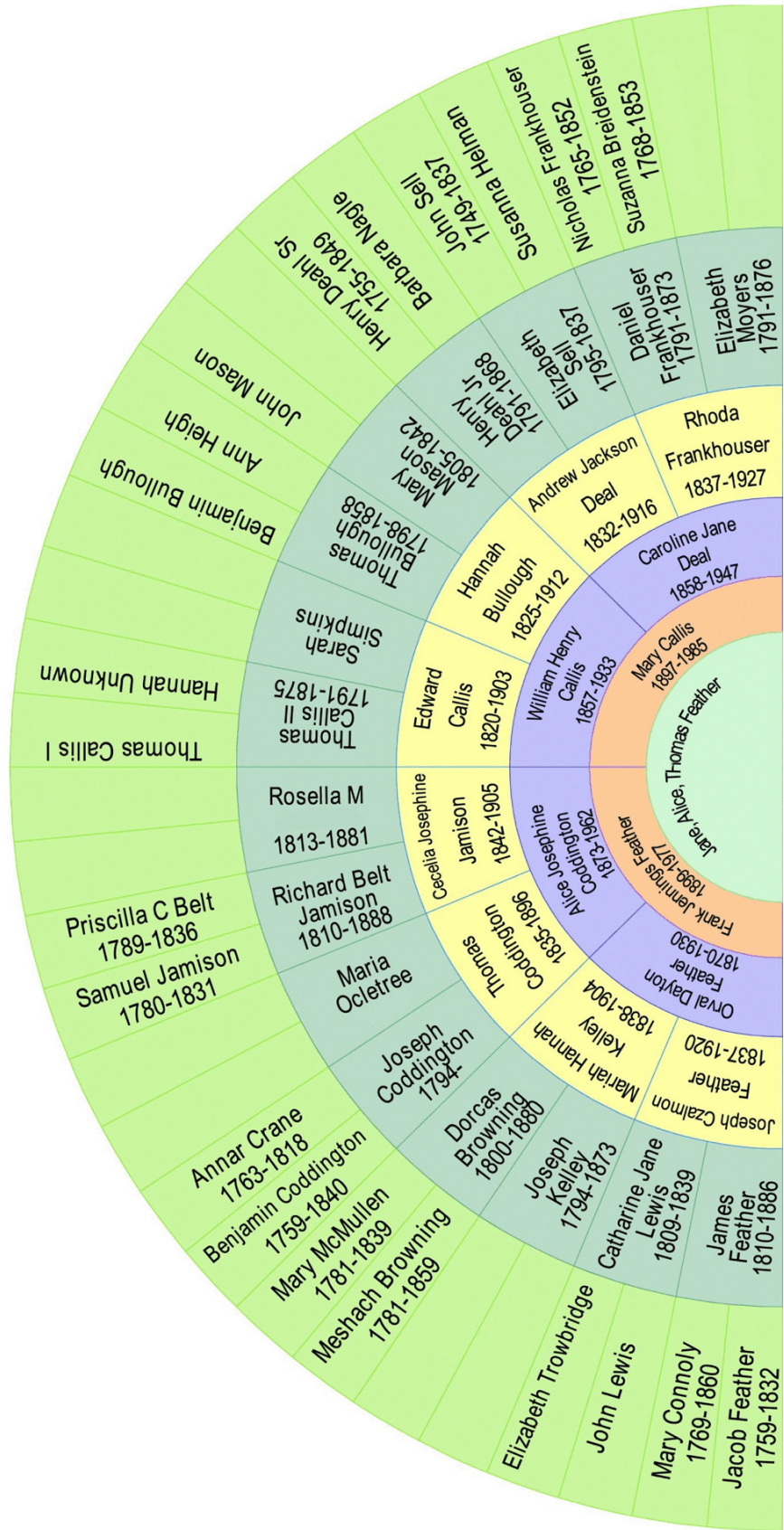
Papa what do you think?
Ida Scott was married the
other day.
I heard who she married but
I dont remember who it was
now.

Well I hope you are getting along
abright.

Well this is about all for this
time From

Frank Feather.

Frank and Mary (Callis) Feather Line



Two Grandmothers



Caroline (Deal) Callis and Alice (Coddington) Feather.

Frank Jennings Feather



Frank Jennings FEATHER

B. 8 May 1899, Cranesville, PCo, WV
D. 27 Jul 1977
Bur. Hoyes Methodist Cem., GCo, MD
Fath. Orval Dayton FEATHER
Moth. Alice Josephine CODDINGTON
M. **Mary CALLIS** (no middle name),
11 Jun 1924, Oakland, GCo, MD
B. 29 Mar 1897 D. 28 Sep 1985
Bur. Hoyes Methodist Cem., GCo, MD
Fath. William Henry CALLIS
Moth. Caroline Jane DEAL

Mary (Callis) Feather



Children:

1. **Mary Jane** ("Jane")
B. 26 Apr 1926 D. 1 Jan 2011
M(1). Charles Methias ELLIOTT
M(2). Victor Homer KOPE
2. **Alice Ann**
B. 9 May 1931
M. Paul Allen EARY
3. **Thomas Edward** ("Tom")
B. 8 Aug 1932
M. Mary Agnes ROBB

Frank Jennings Feather was born at Cranesville, Preston County, West Virginia, May 8, 1899. His parents were Orval Dayton and Alice Josephine (Coddington) Feather. Frank and his younger brother Leo lived with their parents and grew up on their Grandfather (Sol) Feather's farm.

Almost all men in the community had a nickname, and Frank was no exception. One can only guess why his nickname was "Shird," but it was probably after an elderly man living in the area. The nickname stuck with him by some people throughout his life.

Frank attended the local one-room school at Cranesville through eighth grade, and in 1917 he attended high school in Terra Alta, West Virginia. A teacher friend, Marshall Frankhouser, living just across the Maryland line had encouraged him to apply for a teaching certificate in Maryland. Frank passed the test and obtained a teaching certificate but never taught.

The story was told how one rainy day Frank and a buddy were riding a horse to visit Mr. Frankhouser. As they rode, Frank pulled the certificate out of his pocket to show it to his friend. A sudden gust of wind caused the paper to make a rustling noise. It scared the horse, and the horse jumped right out from under Frank, leaving him sitting in the mud, clutching the certificate in one hand and holding it high in the air to protect it. (Keep in mind that all roads were dirt at that time.)

The early 1900s was an era of transition. World War I ended just after he received an induction notice, so Frank was spared military duty. Henry Ford had invented the car which was gradually replacing the horse for transportation. Frank went to work as a mechanic and that became his lifetime occupation. One of his first jobs was at Spoerlein's Garage in Accident, Maryland.

In 1921 he was working in Terra Alta where he and Walt Frazee repaired cars and sold radios. The business was short-lived because so-called “friends” neglected to pay for the work.

In 1922 Frank’s family moved from the farm in Cranesville to Oakland, Maryland, where June 11, 1924, he married Mary Callis. The Rev. J. W. Daily officiated.

Frank then got a job as a mechanic with Hunt’s Motor Company in Kingwood, West Virginia and moved the family to Kingwood. During the time he lived in Kingwood he became involved with ham radios and spent much time exchanging Morse code messages with neighbor Jeff Wolfe.

Frank was employed by Brindle’s Garage in the fall of 1929, when he received a severe leg injury. While he was working on a car, a chain hoist broke causing the bumper to hit and break the upper part of his leg. The healing process in the Kingwood “Clinic” was long and painful. Until they removed the cast the doctors were unaware that the bone had slipped out of place. They warned that he would be unable to walk if they did not break and reset the leg, but Frank did not agree. As a result, he could not fully bend his knee but he was able to walk.

The 1930s were financially difficult for everyone. The nation was in the midst of the “Great Depression.” Frank was still recovering and not able to work in the garage, but he set up shop in the basement of the house where he sold and repaired radios. Sometime in the early thirties, Frank went to work for the West Virginia State Road Commission as a mechanic and welder.

In the fall of 1936, he and Mary decided that they would be better off to move back to the old homestead at Cranesville. Frank had inherited one third of the Cranesville farm when his father died. Sometime in the forties he purchased the other two-thirds from his mother and brother.

Financially it was necessary for Frank to continue working for the State Road. He boarded at Florence Warren’s in Kingwood during the week and drove home to Cranesville on weekends, using what time he had at home to work on the farm. For five years Frank’s uncle, “Dick” Coddington, made his home there and helped with the chores in exchange for room, board, and a small amount of spending money.

At the time West Virginia State Road Department was controlled by Democrats and Frank was a staunch Republican. One year during elections employees were told to transport Democratic voters to the polls to vote. Frank instead came home and used the time to build a flue. The State Road Commission retaliated by firing him. However, in a few weeks they requested that he come back to work and rehired him.

The Feather family was somewhat self-sufficient on the farm with pigs, a couple cows, and some chickens. In Cranesville many of the things they used while living in town did not exist, but Frank was resourceful, and with his electrical expertise he provided a gasoline driven engine to generate electricity. The “light plant” was used sparingly--only when needed. Frank constructed an electrical windmill and located it at the end of the garden to provide auxiliary power. Many times it was necessary to tug the rope to stop the mill because static from it interfered with the radio. The Feathers were one of the very few families to enjoy the luxury of electric lights.

Frank never used horses after he moved back to the farm. He started with an old steel-wheeled International tractor that used a chain drive. He also built a tractor out of an old car and used it to pull light loads. He traded the first tractor for a Fordson which was more up to date, but it, too, had steel wheels and no starter. Frank hired neighbors to do the farming that he didn't have the machinery or the time to do. In 1941 he paid \$760 for a new modern Allis Chalmers tractor with lights, electric starter, rubber tires, and a mounted farm plow. Gradually he purchased other needed farm machinery and sometimes used it to assist other farmers.

In 1938 the nation was still recovering from the depression. Eleanor Roosevelt had a project called the NYA, (National Youth Administration), which operated in Arthurdale, West Virginia under the leadership of the Preston County School Board. This project trained young people for certain kinds of jobs, paid the trainees a wage, and furnished some transportation. The Board hired Frank as the welding instructor and he boarded with his brother Leo and his mother who lived at that time in Masontown which is only a few miles from Arthurdale. On one or more occasions, he was present when Mrs. Roosevelt visited the project.

In the early forties, plans were in the making to move the training center from Arthurdale. Frank had decided not to move with it. However, World War II broke out and eliminated the need for the center, and it was closed.

The same year, 1941, Frank started the "Feather Repair Shop" at Cranesville where he repaired cars, trucks, and farm machinery, and did welding along with limited machine work. He never lacked work to do and continued working in "the shop" until shortly before his death at 78 years old. He worked for almost everyone in the community. Neighbors enjoyed bringing work and visiting while the job was being done. They talked, joked, played pranks, and caught up on all that was going on in the community. Whoever happened to be at the shop during lunch break was always invited to go along to the house and eat. More often than not they accepted the invitation. Almost everyone looked forward to buckwheat cakes, sausage, gravy, eggs, and syrup.

During World War II the School Board through their agriculture department subsidized a training program where repair shops would have farmers bring their broken farm machinery to the shop. One night each week all the participating farmers would meet at the shop and work on their machinery using the shop's tools with the overseeing and training of the shop owner. Frank participated in this program with his shop for a couple of years.

World War II was going strong in 1944 and workers were difficult to find. One spring day Frank was out plowing a field when two of the Garrett County, Maryland, Commissioners came to ask him to accept a job as a mechanic with their County Roads Department. Frank told them that the tires on his car were too bad to make the daily trip to Oakland, and because of rationing he could not replace them. The men responded that this was a priority job, and they could get him a permit to buy tires. He agreed to take the job for one dollar per hour, but for the summer months only. The deal was approved and Frank worked that summer at Oakland, Maryland for the Garrett County Roads.

To relax, Frank read "westerns." During the winter, the family played games such as Carrom, Parcheesi, or cards. In the summer, croquet was the Sunday afternoon family game of choice and sometimes it was very competitive. Frank excelled in most of the games. His only outdoor sport was fishing on a limited basis.

A descendent of Meshach Browning, he came from a long line of "fiddlers," and he enjoyed playing the violin--not as a fiddler as his father before him, but by note. When a young man in Oakland he played for Mass in St. Peter's Catholic Church. After moving to the farm he often played old hymns and polkas, and was usually accompanied on the piano by daughter Jane and later Alice. He sang tenor in the choir formed by the local churches in the area. They sang mostly for funerals.

Twice over the years he was hospitalized and spent several months recuperating. The first was around 1937 after he was over exposed by working in cold, stormy weather while repairing a piece of road equipment. The flu-like symptoms were persistent and after visiting local doctors and clinics where he was incorrectly diagnosed as having heart problems and later misdiagnosed as having cancer of the stomach, he and Mary went by train to Baltimore where they stayed with cousin Ruth Martin and her husband and family. Doctor Legg diagnosed the problem as pneumonia in both

lungs and prescribed six weeks of bed rest. At the end of that time Frank still had an elevated temperature. The cause remained a mystery, but the doctor prescribed more bed rest and by following those instructions he recovered.

Less than ten years later (1946) he suffered symptoms similar to those of his earlier illness. Diagnoses were also similar. He spent three months in Hopemont Sanitarium where he was mistakenly diagnosed with TB. Before entering Hopemont he was diagnosed with cancer. It was neither, but the problem was never identified. It was assumed that the illness resulted from welding. Spots on his lung were later referred to as “welder’s spots.”

A third problem with which Frank coped was hernias. For many years he wore a truss for protection, but in 1948 it became apparent that surgery would be necessary. Although it is a relatively simple surgery now, it then had a recovery time of six weeks or longer. He chose to have it done in Morgantown. In the early part of 1953 the problems reoccurred and successful surgery was performed in the Oakland Hospital by Dr. Joseph Alveraz. Frank was so impressed by Dr. Alveraz that he praised him wherever he went. They became friends and spent some time fishing together.

Frank retired from farming in the sixties and rented some land to Ed Grose who grew potatoes on a large scale. Later, when Ed no longer needed it, Frank rented the land to Ben Conn, a dairy farmer. During this time Frank continued to work in his shop until about three months before his death resulting from lung cancer July 27, 1977.

He was buried in the Methodist Cemetery at Hoyes, Maryland, and is remembered as a man of honesty, integrity and high work ethics. During his lifetime, he literally lived from the horse and buggy generation to the space age when TV made it possible for him to watch a man walk on the moon.

Mary Callis, born March 29, 1897, at Johnstown (now called Hoyes), Garrett County, Maryland, was the youngest of six children. She grew up on a farm where her father owned a blacksmith shop and grist mill. She spent time working in the store owned jointly by her father and a neighbor, Bill Smith.

When Mary was 12 years old, she was walking with her sister Lula through the pasture field to get the cows. They decided to ride a horse back to the house, but one of the horses wheeled around and kicked Mary in the face. Many years later she related how her father had carried her from the field and taken her in the buggy to the doctor who sewed the wound. The jaw had been broken. She was fortunate that the scar which remained was not disfiguring.

Having passed the test for a Pennsylvania teaching certificate in 1919, she began teaching school in West Leisenring, near Uniontown, PA. The following summer and the winter of 1921-22, she attended summer school at Frostburg State College (now Frostburg University). At the May 28th commencement in 1972, Frostburg University honored her as a 50-year alumna, with an engraved plaque. Maryland schools in which she taught were Johnstown (Hoyes), Prettyman, Oakland, and Mt. Lake Park.

In 1924 Mary Callis and Frank Feather were secretly married just a few days before school closed for the year. She was teaching at Mt. Lake at the time and a number of her older boy students were looking forward to playing pranks for the occasion. On the final day of school when students asked when she was getting married, they were quite surprised to learn that she was already married. She bid the students good-bye and left with her new husband.



*Frank and Mary (Callis) Feather
wedding picture, June 1924.*

After a honeymoon in Williamsburg, Virginia, the couple set up housekeeping in Oakland, Maryland on the corner of Alder and Fifth Streets in a double house owned by Grover and Nell Stemple. The two families were good friends and the Feathers lived there for two years before moving to Kingwood, West Virginia. It was there that their first child, Mary Jane, was born April 26, 1926.

In 1928 Mary received a teaching certificate which enabled her to substitute in the West Virginia schools during the period of time when Frank was incapacitated with a broken leg.

When the second child, Alice Ann, was born, May 9, 1931, Mary's niece, Dorothy White, came to be with the family and help with the work. Soon after that the family moved to Beverly Hills (Kingwood) where they rented a house from Mrs. May Wolfe. The house was located near the home of Mrs. Wolfe. She lived with her daughter, Helen, and son, Jeff. The families soon became good friends. Helen was a home economics teacher and she and Mary developed a friendship which lasted many years.

Thomas Edward was born August 8, 1932. A neighbor, Mrs. Orr, helped care for Mary and the baby and assisted with the housework. At that time a new mother remained in bed for approximately two weeks.

The Great Depression of '29 was at its height. The Albright National Bank of Kingwood had closed its doors suddenly and no money was available to anyone. Before this happened Mary had put a large cash bill aside "for emergency." She often said later that she didn't know what they would have done if it had not been for that money, because it was several years before the bank reopened its doors. Alice remembers the surprised look on her mother's face when some years after they had moved to the farm Mary received the first of several small checks from the Albright Bank as repayment.

Life was different when the family moved to Cranesville in the fall of 1936. During the week Mary had complete responsibility of the family because Frank was working in Kingwood, coming home only on weekends. Farm life was not new to Mary though, and she proved to be quite capable--so much so that the family was almost self-sufficient. She managed a large garden which produced more than enough vegetables, and a variety of farm animals which provided meat, eggs and dairy products. Weekly she traded eggs for groceries at the local country store owned by Janie Teets. Twice daily she and one of the girls milked the cows and "separated" the cream from the milk in the hand-turned separator. She made butter from the cream and cottage cheese from the extra milk. Later as more cows were acquired, she stored cream in a five-gallon milk can and whole milk in eight-gallon cans which were picked up daily and delivered to the creamery in Oakland. The cream and milk provided extra income.

Cattle feed came in bags made of colorful cotton material. Mary made "feedsack" dresses for herself and the girls. Two bags would make a dress, one an apron. She sewed the scraps into lovely quilt tops which she hand quilted. She made heavier bed covers from used clothing. Coats, trousers, etc., were cut and pieced into "crazy patch" quilts and knotted. She also designed and hooked beautiful rugs. When needed, she dyed material (generally light colored garments no longer in use) to get the desired colors for the designs in the rugs.

Breakfast in the household regularly consisted of buckwheat cakes, eggs, and homemade sausage or bacon, all produced on the farm. In the fall buckwheat was taken to the local mill where it was ground into flour, and home cured bacon, ham and other pork were always available in the “meat house,” where the meat had been cured, smoked and stored.

Mary had a green thumb and enjoyed growing flowers as well as vegetables. Each fall the basement was filled with canned fruits, meats and vegetables including such things as sauerkraut and lard. Occasionally she made hominy by using wood ashes and/or lye in a soaking process to remove the shell from mature corn. The process took a day or more. She also preserved corn by drying it. In order to keep it safe from the animals and to protect it from flies and other insects while it was drying, she placed a window screen over it and put it on the roof of the meat house. She would stir it daily and when it was sufficiently dry she stored it in an airtight jar.

Nothing was wasted or thrown away. Even excess fat or lard was made into lye soap which Mary used in the wringer washing machine. She always said it was the “only thing which would clean the grease from Frank’s overalls.”

Both Mary and Frank welcomed and enjoyed company, and their doors were never locked. Winter weather usually closed the road from Cranesville in the fall and sometimes it continued that way through most of the winter. Often neighbors would walk in to play Rook, Parcheesi, or Carrom, or just to visit. In good weather rarely a Sunday passed without visitors, both family and friends.

World War II brought many changes and shortages. Mary had been a regular worker on the election boards and she worked on the ration board when it became operative. In 1944, she was asked to teach in Terra Alta High School, but chose not to take a permanent position. She did do some substitute work that year.

Generally speaking, Mary enjoyed reasonably good health. However, in January, 1945, she became extremely ill. The road from Terra Alta had been mostly closed for weeks. Dr. Miller of Eglon, West Virginia, was brought in via horse and sled from Hoyer Run. The diagnosis was spinal meningitis. “Usually fatal,” he said, “and almost always leaves the patient crippled.” He gave her the then new drug, Sulfa, which was credited for saving her life. Jane had been married a few months earlier and she was not permitted to come home because the family was quarantined for a two week period. Mary’s sister, Dessa, came and took care of her through the illness. It was through sheer determination that Mary recovered completely. In later years she was diabetic and on restricted diet and medication.

When Frank died in 1977 Mary showed great strength and courage when she seemed to know without question that she should have an auction to sell everything but the farm. The sale took place October 1, and the same day she moved with a few items to her daughter Alice’s home in the adjoining community of Lake Ford, where she lived eight years. During that time she was never disagreeable or seemingly regretful. For the first five years she remained quite active, helping with cooking, gardening, etc., but gradually her health declined, and September 28, 1985, Mary passed away. She is buried beside her husband and parents in Hoyes Cemetery.



Mary (Callis) Feather, 1978.

Public Sale

SAT., OCT. 1, 1977

BEGINNING AT 10:00 A.M.

AT THE RESIDENCE OF THE LATE FRANK FEATHER, AT CRANESVILLE, W. VA.
10 MILES FROM TERRA ALTA, W. VA. FOLLOW SIGNS OUT OF TERRA ALTA,
W. VA. & OUT OF OAKLAND, MD.

1 LARGE CHERRY CUPBOARD (good), 1 G.E. STOVE (like new), 1 G.E. REFRIG-
ERATOR (like new), 1 G.E. DRYER, 1 WHIRLPOOL FREEZER (good), 1 - 2
BURNER COOK STOVE (like new), 2 MAYTAG WRINGER WASHERS, 1 COAL
COOK STOVE (good), TABLES & CHAIRS, 1 OLD KITCHEN CABINET, 1 OLD
FRANKLIN SEWING MACHINE (good), LIBRARY TABLE OAK, COUCH, RECLINING
CHAIR, 1 METAL FILE CABINET, PORTABLE TELEVISION, WESTINGHOUSE RADIO,
1 LARGE ROLL TOP OAK DESK (good), 4 OAK CHAIRS, RECORD CABINET,
PICTURE FRAMES, STUFFED CHAIRS, COFFEE TABLE, SMALL HALL TREE, 2
OAK CHAIRS WITH CLAW FEET, OAK CHEST OF DRAWERS, OAK DRESSER,
BOOKCASE, LOT OF OLD BOOKS, 2 METAL BEDS, OLD WOODEN COMODE,
BLANKET CHEST, OAK WARDROBE (good), ROCKERS, SPOOL TYPE BED, WASH-
STAND, STANDS, OLD TRUNK DRESSER, CHIEFOROBE, RADIOS, ELECTRIC
SWEEPER, PRESSURE COOKER, WOODEN CUPBOARD, BRASS OIL HANGING
LAMP, OTHER LAMPS, LOT OF DISHES, BRANDING IRONS, STONE JARS &
JUGS, OLD CRANK CHURN, LOT OF OLD WINDOWS OUT OF THE LAKE FORD
CHURCH, LOT OF FRUIT JARS, OAK TABLE, OLD SCALES, SMALL CREAM CAN,
OLD LANTERNS, OLD FOOT WARMER, 1 OLD TUBE TESTER, OLD SILVERWARE,
SMALL COMPRESSOR, 1 - 8 H.P. RIDING LAWN MOWER, 3 SECTION HARROW,
1959 JEEP PICKUP (runs good), 1 - 1964 RAMBLER (runs good), 1 - 1972 HORNET
(very good), (37,000 miles), 1 WEAVER AIR COMPRESSOR, 1 GRINDER WITH 1 H.P.
MOTOR, 1 TIRE CHANGER, AIR TIRE SPREADER, ELECTRIC A.C. WELDER (con-
verter, A.C. to D.C.), 1 SET OF TORCHES, ELECTRIC DRILLS $\frac{1}{2}$ & $\frac{1}{4}$ INCH, POWER
SAW, ELECTRIC SAWS, 2 ELECTRIC IMPACT WRENCHES, SAND BLASTER, ANVIL,
VISE, 2 FLOOR JACKS, AIR LIFT JACK, OTHER JACKS, STAND, RAMPS, VALVE
RESITTER & REFACER, ELECTRIC BUSHING HONE, LOT OF SOCKET SETS, $\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{3}{4}$,
 $\frac{1}{4}$, LOT OF MECHANICAL HAND TOOLS, WHEEL PULLERS, & GEAR PULLERS,
TOOL CHEST, WORK TABLES, WASHING TANK, LOT OF NEW & USED PARTS,
LOT OF BELTS, LOT OF METAL, MOWERS FOR PARTS, ADDING MACHINE, GAS
PUMP, & MANY, MANY OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST.

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The Farm



View of Cranesville from north side porch.



*View east of the house. Far left is the wood/coal house and meat house.
To the right were pig pens.*



View of garage and barn south of the house.



Leo mending the barn roof.



Tom and Jane Feather.



Tom, Jane, and Alice planting tomatoes the year Frank was in Hopemont.

As of 2008, with the exception of the house which is privately owned, the farm is now owned by The Nature Conservancy. The barn no longer stands.

Happy Times



Mary and Frank Feather, golden wedding day.



Frank and Alice, his mother.



Paul and Alice Eary, Victor and Jane Kope, Mary and Tom Feather, July 2000.

Mary Jane Feather



Mary Jane FEATHER ELLIOTT KOPE

B. 26 Apr 1926, Oakland, GCo, MD

D. 1 Jan 2011, GCo, MD

Bur. Terra Alta Cem., PCo, WV

Fath. Frank Jennings FEATHER

Moth. Mary CALLIS

M(1). Charles Methias ELLIOTT,

17 Oct 1944, Oakland, GCo, MD

B. 2 Jan 1924 D. 17 Dec 1960

Bur. Terra Alta Cem., PCo, WV

Fath. Isaac Foreman ELLIOTT

Moth. Mary Ann RIDENOUR

Children M(1):

1. Mary Martha ("Martha")

B. 11 Dec 1947

M. Jackson Lee REAMS

Charles Methias Elliott



2. Charles Edward ("Charlie")

B. 7 Feb 1952 D. 1 Jul 1992

M. Mickie Erlene SHAFFER

3. James Isaac ("Jim")

B. 3 Jul 1956

M. Diana Rose CUMMINGS

4. Carl Thomas

B. 11 Apr 1959

M. Sheila Faye SIMMONS

M(2). Victor Homer KOPE, 12 Nov 1971

B. 10 Jun 1924, Phillips, PA

D. 8 Mar 2011, Oakland, GCo, MD

Bur. Paradise Cem., GCo, MD

Fath. Chambers Glenn KOPE

Moth. Lucetta Katherine NETHKIN

Mary Jane Feather ("Jane") was born in Oakland, Maryland, April 26, 1926 to Frank and Mary (Callis) Feather. Two years later the family moved to Kingwood, West Virginia. They lived on a very pleasant street in a section called Beverly Hills, a couple blocks up a hill from the business section. Jane, who was probably seven years old, remembers her delight when her mother would send her to the bakery a block away. (At that time it was safe for a child to go to the store alone.) Jane would purchase a cake of yeast for .03 cents and the store owner would always give her a cupcake. Candy sold for a penny per piece.

Jane went to school in Kingwood until 1936 when the family moved to Cranesville where she attended the same local one-room school her father had attended and then rode the school bus to Terra Alta where she completed high school.

While growing up on the farm, Jane worked in the fields with her siblings, Alice and Tom, making hay, picking corn, and gardening. In August, Jane and Alice worked very hard picking "huckleberries" which they took to the local store at Cranesville. They received 40 cents (later 50 cents) a gallon for them.

Jane was in her sophomore year of high school in 1941 when Pearl Harbor was attacked and the nation found itself in World War II. High school boys were drafted, some never to return. Students were excused from school at times to gather scrap paper, iron, and tin to be recycled and used in the war effort. They went door to door in Terra Alta collecting those items.

After graduation in 1944, Jane got a job at the Half Price Store in Oakland and rode to work with her father, Frank, who was working for the Garrett County Roads Department. When he left the job in the fall, Jane also resigned.

October 17, 1944, she married Charles Methias Elliott from the extended Cranesville-Lake Ford Community, on the Maryland side of the state line. He was known to all as “Buck.” They lived in Oakland and she worked at Browning’s grocery store, located at that time on Alder Street. When her mother became very ill she left the job and spent time helping at home.

In the spring she and Buck moved to a farm in the nearby community of Hoyer Run where they were living when Frank was in Hopemont recovering from illness. Buck went to work for a strip mine in Brownston near Lumberport, West Virginia, and Jane helped on the farm until fall when she rejoined her husband.

After Buck lost his mother in January 1947, the couple returned to the Cranesville-Lake Ford area and bought a small farm located in West Virginia. Their first child, Mary Martha (“Martha”), was born, followed by sons Charles Edward (“Charlie”), James Isaac (“Jim”), and Carl Thomas.

In 1958, they purchased a larger farm in the Lake Ford Community where on December 17, 1960, Buck died in his sleep. Martha, then twelve years old, was a great “little mother” looking after her younger brothers, Jim age 4, and Carl age 18 months, while eight year old Charlie helped with the barn work.

Prior to her second marriage, Jane worked as an aide in Loch Lynn School. During harvest time she and sometimes the boys worked for Ed Grose picking potatoes. In the fall of 1971 she went to work for Thomas Big Key grocery store in Oakland.

In November of 1971, Jane married Victor Homer Kope. The newly combined family made up of her two youngest boys, Jim and Carl, along with Vic’s daughter Delora, and sometimes Vic’s father, lived together on a farm in Brookside, West Virginia, not far from Aurora. (Martha was married at that time and Charlie was in the Marines.)

Charles Methias Elliott (“Buck”) was born near Terra Alta, West Virginia, the son of Isaac Foreman Elliott and Mary Ann Ridenour. The family purchased a farm near Lake Ford, Maryland. From there the six Elliott children rode the bus to Terra Alta High School. When he married Jane, Charles was driving the Maryland school bus to Terra Alta, but, as his father before him, his heart was in farming. He had a pickup which he often used to transport stock cattle for individuals to both Terra Alta and Accident, MD stock yards. When his son Charles was born he was working at the Albright Power Plant in Preston County, West Virginia.

Charles was a good husband and father and enjoyed making improvements around the house, barn and farm. He also liked hunting and fishing. After his death in 1960, he was missed by the whole Feather family as well as many neighbors and friends.



Charles and Jane (Feather) Elliott stone. Terra Alta Cem.



Mary Martha and her father, Charles Elliott.



Leo, Tom, Alice J. Feather, and Charles Elliott.



Charles and Jane's family: Martha, Carl, Charlie, and Jim.



Jane and Victor Kope.

Victor Homer Kope (“Vic”) was born in Phillips, Pennsylvania. His mother died when he was five years old. He graduated in 1939 from South Union High School in Uniontown, PA. After graduation he served 2-1/2 years in the Army Air Force where he flew 36 missions as a ball turret gunner in the European Theater of Operations during World War II. He became a staff sergeant and received his discharge in 1945.

May 16, 1945, Victor married Irene Tripplett (born August 8, 1926, at Elkins, West Virginia). They lived in Pennsylvania where Vic attended barber school. A son Glenn was born in 1946. A daughter born in 1948 lived only a few months. The family moved to Garrett County, Maryland in 1950 and then to Brookside, West Virginia, where they bought a farm near Aurora. Six more children were born: Frank Lloyd, Kathleen Marie, Iris Virginia, Iretta

Elaine, Delora Jean, and Sharon Sue. Tragically, while on a trip in Texas, Vic, his wife Irene, and five of his children were involved in an automobile accident. Only Vic and his daughter, Delora survived. Irene, Kathleen, Iris, Iretta, and Sharon were killed.

When Victor married Jane, he was working as a surveyor for the state of Maryland. He also became a minister in the Church of the Brethren. His first assignment was in 1972 at Mountain Grove Church. In 1974 he was ordained, and through the years he served at Laurel Mountain, Sunnyside Chapel and twice at Mountain Grove. After his retirement from the Maryland state job in 1980, he and Jane devoted much time ministering in nursing homes around the area. They both loved music and shared their talents throughout the years.

Victor lost both of his wives in tragic automobile accidents. He passed away two months after the death of his wife Jane.



Jane Feather Elliott Kope.



Victor Kope.

Mary Martha Elliott



Mary Martha ELLIOTT REAMS

B. 11 Dec 1947, Cranesville, PCo, WV
Moth. Mary Jane FEATHER
Fath. Charles Methias ELLIOTT
M. Jackson Lee REAMS, 12 Jun 1965
B. 10 Apr 1943, Swallow Falls, GCo, MD
Fath. Hugh Albert REAMS
Moth. Amy Leona FOSTER

Jackson Lee Reams



Children:

1. Clark Lee
B. 21 May 1966, Oakland, GCo, MD
M. Susan Joy FRAZEE
2. Marla Michelle
B. 26 Nov 1969, Washington, DC
D. 1 Apr 1972, District Heights, MD
Bur. Taylor Sines Cem., Swallow Falls, GCo, MD
3. James Roland ("J. R.")
B. 3 Sep 1976, Cumberland, ACo, MD
M. Courtney Shannon BUSKIRK

Mary Martha Elliott ("Martha") was born near Cranesville, West Virginia. She attended Hoye Run and Cranesville Schools before the family moved to the area known as Lake Ford in Maryland. Beginning with grade 6 she attended Oakland schools and graduated from Southern High School in June 1965.

She married Jackson ("Jack") Lee Reams and soon after their first child was born they moved to Suitland, Maryland, where they lived until 1973. While there Martha worked for the Census Bureau and performed various other jobs which included waitressing and baby sitting. After five years Jack, an employee of the telephone company, was transferred to LaVale in Allegany County, Maryland. Five years later they returned to Garrett County and settled in the Deer Park area.

Son Clark Lee was born in Oakland. Marla Michelle was born while they lived in Suitland. Marla was only two years old when she lost her battle with cancer. She is buried in Taylor Sines Cemetery in Garrett County. The family had moved back to LaVale when their second son, J. R., was born.

When the boys were grown Martha completed classes at Garrett College, and in 1994 she began working at First United Bank in Oakland as a statement clerk. Currently she is working as a research and item processing clerk.

Martha enjoys traveling and loves spending time with her family.



Jackson Lee Reams ("Jack"), a Garrett County native, began school in Oakland and then attended Southern High Point in Hyattsville, Maryland. He completed his education after joining the Army in 1960. While in the army he was a paratrooper in communications. Jack owned the Gulf Station in Oakland for a while and was part owner of the Par Matt Lanes bowling alley for a few years. Both he and Martha worked at the bowling alley. In 1966 he went to work for C&P Telephone Company and continued there for 33 years, retiring in 1999. Since then he has been employed as a courier for First United Bank in Oakland.

Jack enjoys family, traveling, and fishing. Both he and Martha are active in the Baptist Church in Keyser, West Virginia.



Martha and Jack Reams.



Marla Michelle Reams, 1971.



Jack and Martha Reams, 1990.

Clark Lee Reams



Clark Lee REAMS

B. 21 May 1966, Oakland, GCo, MD
Fath. Jackson Lee REAMS
Moth. Mary Martha ELLIOTT
M. Susan Joy FRAZEE, 8 Sept 1990
B. 10 Oct 1970

Clark Lee Reams was born in Garrett County, but at a young age his family moved to Suitland, Maryland. They returned to Allegany County and then Garrett County where he graduated from Southern High School. After serving a term in the Army he married Susan Frazee. Clark is employed by the C&P Telephone Company.



Reams Family: Clark holding Rachel, Susan holding Brian.

Susan Joy (Frazee) Reams



Susan and Clark Reams.

Children:

1. Brian Clark
B. 5 Dec 1996
2. Rachel Rane
B. 5 Feb 2000



Clark Reams.

Susan Joy Frazee graduated from a Christian Day School in Accident, Maryland. She and Clark live in Garrett County where Clark is employed.

They have two children, Rachael and Brian.

James Roland Reams



James Roland REAMS

B. 3 Sept 1976, Cumberland, ACo, MD

Fath. Jackson Lee REAMS

Moth. Mary Martha ELLIOTT

M. Courtney Shannon BUSKIRK, 12 Aug 2000

B. Columbus, OH

Children:

1. Kyley Nikole
2. Kaden James
3. Khale' Isabella

James Roland Reams ("J. R.") and his family live in Columbus, OH. He met his wife Courtney while attending DeVry University in Columbus.



Courtney and J. R. Reams with daughter.



Kyley, Kaden, and Khale' Reams.

Charles Edward Elliott



Mickie Erlene (Shaffer) Elliott



Sgt. Charles Elliott.

Charles Edward ELLIOTT

B. 7 Feb 1952

D. 1 Jul 1992, Pittsburgh, ACo, PA

Bur. Shaffer family cemetery near Aurora, PCo, WV

Fath. Charles Methias ELLIOTT

Moth. Mary Jane FEATHER

M. Mickie Erlene SHAFFER, 1 Dec 1982

B. 16 Oct 1958, Kingwood, PCo, WV

Fath. Harold H. SHAFFER

Moth. Annie E. O'HAVER

Charles Edward Elliott ("Charlie") was born February 7, 1952, in West Virginia less than a mile from Lake Ford, Maryland. When he was 6 years old he moved with his family to a farm in Lake Ford and rode the bus to Oakland where he attended Center Street Elementary School. He was eight years old when his father died, and he quickly began taking on new responsibilities. He worked summers for Ed Grose, a crop farmer in the area. While still in high school he tore down the old sheep barn on the farm where he lived and used the lumber to build a two-car garage. After graduating from Southern High School in 1970 he worked a short time for Hawkinson Tread tire service. October 5, 1971, he entered the Marines and was stationed at Charleston, South Carolina.

After a two-year tour of duty in Okinawa, Sergeant Elliott received an Honorable Discharge, September 22, 1975, with the National Defense Service Medal, Good Conduct Medal, and the Rifle Expert Badge. He was a member of the Marine Corps Reserve until April 4, 1977.

Upon returning from the service he helped with the farming on his step-father's farm near Aurora, West Virginia where Vic and Jane were living. While there he attended welding school in Kingwood and was employed by Preston Machine Enterprises between Kingwood and Tunnelton, West Virginia. In 1980 he was hospitalized and diagnosed with a heart condition, but he continued working.

Quiet in nature and well liked by all who knew him, Charlie was 5'10" tall and 160 lbs., with blue eyes, brown hair, and fair complexion. He had a great deal of ability as evidenced by the fact that he could do almost anything he chose to do. His outdoor hobbies included hunting, fishing, swimming, and gardening, as well as riding 4-wheelers, snowmobiles, and motorcycles. In addition he enjoyed playing video games and reading western novels.

December 1, 1982, he married Mickie Shaffer. July 1, 1992, ten years after his marriage, at 40 years, 4 months, and 23 days old, Charlie died. His resting place is under a large pine tree in a quiet, serene spot on the hill in the woods above the Shaffer home where he and Mickie lived.



Ladder to tree house.

Charlie had built a tree stand in a pine tree. At some point after his burial a strong wind took off the top of the tree. It can be seen in the picture in the left background. When the picture was originally printed, the cross at the top of the ladder steps was seen for the first time. All three people who were present when the picture was taken stated that it was not there at that time. (Those present were Jane, Vic, and Charlie's brother-in-law.)

Tree of Life

From the Tree of Life each leaf must fall.
The green, the gold, the great, the small.
Each one in God's own time He'll call.
With perfect love, He gathers all.

Author Unknown



Marker for Charles E. Elliott.



Charles E. and Mickie (Shaffer) Elliott, wedding picture.



Charlie Elliott, 1992.

Mickie Erlene Shaffer grew up in Brookside, West Virginia, near Aurora and graduated from Aurora High School in 1976. Like her husband, Charlie, her hobbies include hunting, fishing, snowmobiling, 4-wheeling, reading, working on crafts, and playing softball.



Joy Ride. Driver: Charlie Elliott. Back seat: Jim Elliott, Matt Eary, Carl Elliott.

James Isaac Elliott



Diana Rose (Cummings) Elliott



James Isaac ELLIOTT

B. 3 Jul 1956, Oakland, GCo, MD
Fath. Charles Methias ELLIOTT
Moth. Mary Jane FEATHER
M. Diana Rose CUMMINGS, 23 Nov 1974
B. 4 Dec 1955, Oakland, GCo, MD
Par. James and Violet CUMMINGS

Children:

1. Julie Ann
B. 18 Dec 1975
M. Leonard Augustus FUTCH
B. 2 Dec 1974
2. Gregg Lee
B. 12 Aug 1977
M. Angela ROBY
3. Lisa Marie
B. 13 Sep 1979
4. James Paul
B. 18 Mar 1982
M. Karen KEARNS

James Isaac Elliott ("Jim") grew up in Garrett County and graduated from Southern High School, but as a teenager he moved to Aurora in Preston County, West Virginia. There he met and married Diana Rose Cummings. They made their home near Deer Park, Maryland. In addition to working as a welder, he worked at Wisp Resort on the ski slopes. Despite limited sight, Jim enjoys hunting and fishing.

Diana Rose Cummings is a graduate of Aurora High School. She is self-employed as a domestic worker and is in much demand. In her spare time she enjoys vegetable and flower gardening, and handwork such as crocheting and knitting.

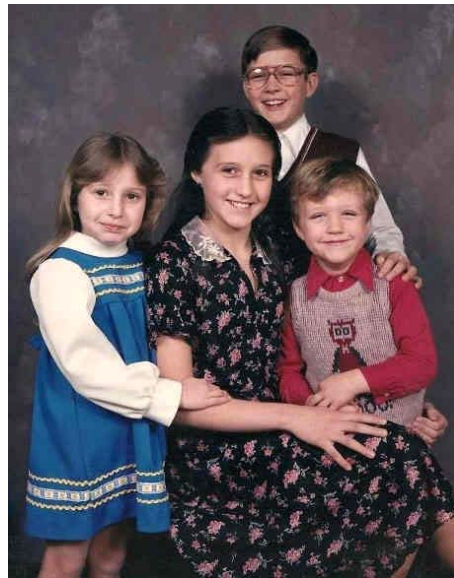
Jim and Diana have two grandchildren: Rayetta Lynn Futch, born August 18, 1994, and Warren Scott Futch, born October, 14 1998.



Leonard and Julie (Elliott) Futch.



Angela (Roby) and Gregg Elliott.



Lisa, Julie, Gregg and James Elliott.



Lisa Elliott.



Karen (Kearns) and James Elliott.

Carl Thomas Elliott



Carl Thomas ELLIOTT

B. 11 Apr 1959, Oakland, GCo, MD

Fath. Charles Methias ELLIOTT

Moth. Mary Jane FEATHER

M. Sheila Faye SIMMONS, 21 Nov 1977

B. 10 Nov 1958, Parsons, WV

Fath. Alonzo Ray SIMMONS

Moth. Joyce Aldine SMITH

Sheila Faye (Simmons) Elliott



Children:

1. Melissa Faye

B. 11 Sep 1983, Oakland, GCo, MD

M. Dr. Gorman Joel REYNOLDS, 2 Aug 2003

B. 25 Oct 1970

2. Alexander Carl ("Alex")

B. 9 Jul 1994

Carl Thomas Elliott, son of Charles Methias and Mary Jane (Feather) Elliott was born April 11, 1959, in Garrett Memorial Hospital. Because his father died before he was 2 years old, Carl looked up to his older brothers, Jim and Charlie. Charlie, especially, became not only his brother, but also a father figure and friend.

Carl grew up in Lake Ford and attended Lake Ford Church regularly. When his mother remarried, they moved to Brookside, West Virginia, near Aurora and Carl graduated in 1977 from Aurora High School, where he met his future wife, Sheila. For a short time the couple lived in the farm house at Lake Ford and then purchased a small house in Aurora which they increased in size.

Carl earned a West Virginia/Maryland Welding Certificate from Vo-Tec Mining and Maintenance School and is employed as an iron worker in construction. He also worked for Preston Enterprises. His hobbies include target shooting and motor sports, and he is involved in the church.

Sheila Faye Simmons was born in Parsons, West Virginia, November 10, 1958. Sheila was one of eight children. Her parents are Alonzo Ray Simmons, son of Calvin and Myrtle Simmons, and Joyce Aldine Smith Simmons, daughter of Tazwell and Iva Smith.

When she was about three years old, her family moved to Horse Shoe Run, West Virginia, and she attended a two-room school there for four years, at which time the school closed permanently and students were bused to Aurora. Sheila graduated from Aurora High School in 1977 and was working as a nurses aide when she and Carl were married.

Sheila is very talented in the art of needlework. She buys new wool, cards it, spins it, dyes it, and knits it into beautiful hats and other items that are in demand by many who have seen her work.

Carl and Sheila have two children, daughter Melissa and son Alex. Melissa and her husband, Dr. Joel Reynolds, have four children, son Evan Thomas, born March 31, 2006, twin daughters Iva Leigh and Rachel Faye, born November 27, 2008, and Meghan Joann, born January 1, 2011. Alex is currently a computer science student at Fairmont State University.



Melissa (Elliott), Joel, and Evan Reynolds.



Alex Elliott, school picture 2004.

Alice Ann Feather



Alice Ann FEATHER EARY

B. 9 May 1931, Kingwood, PCo, WV
Fath. Frank Jennings FEATHER
Moth. Mary CALLIS
M. Paul Allen EARY, 17 Jun 1956
B. 28 May 1927, Ross Co, Chillicothe, OH
D. 13 Aug 2013
Fath. William Henry EARY
Moth. Ada LEWIS

Paul Allen Eary



Children:

1. Lisa Louise
B. 14 Aug 1952 - Adopted 17 Jun 1957
M(1). Glen STEYER
M(2). Franklin Earl SWEITZER, Jr.
2. William Matthew ("Matt")
B. 10 Oct 1960
M. Linda Carol MOEBS

Alice Ann Feather was born May 9, 1931, in the midst of the Great Depression, in Kingwood, West Virginia. When she was five years old the family moved to the farm in Cranesville. There she attended the one-room school for six years after which she rode the bus to high school in Terra Alta and graduated with the class of 1949. She enjoyed school and attended Davis and Elkins College in Elkins, West Virginia for two years, during which time she worked as a cashier in a drug store.

Because of the shortage created during World War II, there were not enough workers available to fill the job vacancies. When the teacher of the Cranesville School took a year's leave of absence, Alice was asked to teach. The job was both a challenge and a joy. The following year she took a teaching job in Oakland Elementary School, Garrett County, Maryland. She attended night and summer classes and graduated from Fairmont State Teachers College in 1957.

Alice married Paul Allen Eary in 1956, and a year after their marriage, they adopted Lisa Louise. Three years later William Matthew ("Matt") was born.

After a year's leave, Alice resumed teaching at the elementary level. She took classes at West Virginia University and spent the summer of 1968 at Shippensburg College in Pennsylvania in order to qualify to teach clerical subjects. She then taught the last 25 years at Southern High School in Oakland, making a total of 40 years before retiring in 1992.

While she was working Alice enjoyed baking, cooking, gardening, and music. After retiring from teaching she became actively involved in the Garrett County Historical Society and authored a book, *Garrett County Schools of Yesteryear*, which was published in 2008.

Paul Allen Eary was born in Chillicothe, Ohio, May 28, 1927. His father was a civil engineer, the nature of which made frequent moves necessary. The family didn't always follow. Instead, they spent most summers with his grandparents on their farm near Lake Ford in Garrett County, Maryland, where his mother had grown up.

When Paul was very young his parents purchased a home in Charleston, West Virginia, and he attended kindergarten there. The rest of his schooling was in Preston County, West Virginia, and Somerset County, Pennsylvania. He graduated from Terra Alta High School in 1946, and obtained a degree in Education in 1955 from Morris Harvey College (now Charleston University). After teaching a year in Middletown, Ohio, he returned to Garrett County and married Alice. He taught five years in that county after which he took a job with Garrett County Social Services where he worked for the next ten years.

Paul became interested in wood working and left social work to design and produce grandfather clocks. During the time he was self-employed, in addition to the other various items that he hand-crafted from wood, he produced 45 beautiful clocks, each one different.

Paul passed away August 13, 2013, and is buried in Lake Ford Cemetery, Garrett County, Maryland. He was a member of Gideons International and the local church. His favorite pastime was reading.



Paul Eary, 2010 by clock he made in 1980s.



Alice and Paul Eary.



Alice, Matt, Paul, and Lindy Eary, and Lisa (Eary) Sweitzer.

Lisa Louise Eary



Lisa Louise EARY STEYER SWEITZER

B. 14 Aug 1952 - Adopted 17 Jun 1957

Par. Paul Allen EARY and Alice Ann FEATHER

M(1). Glen STEYER, 5 Jun 1970

B. 9 Oct 1949

Children M(1):

1. Shane Arthur

B. 23 Jun 1972, GCo, MD

D. 27 Sep 1998, PCo, WV

M(2). Franklin Earl SWEITZER Jr., 31 Dec 1982

B. 25 Jun 1949

D. 10 Apr 2002, GCo, MD

Children M(2):

2. Franklin Pierce

B. 27 Jun 1982

3. Elizabeth Renee

B. 5 Mar 1984

4. Paul Lewis

B. 9 Oct 1986

Lisa Louise was born August 14, 1952, probably in Garrett County, Maryland. She was 4½ years old when she came to live with Alice and Paul Eary who legally adopted her June 17, 1957. She attended Oakland Elementary School and Southern High School, graduating in 1970. She had a gift for music. In addition to a beautiful singing voice she had a special talent for playing the piano. Shortly after graduation Lisa married Glen Steyer. Lisa and Glen built a home on the Steyer farm and Lisa developed a love for horses which she continues to own and sometimes show. Two years after their marriage, son Shane Arthur was born. Unfortunately, the marriage did not last.



Shane, Glen and Lisa Steyer.



Shane Steyer.

In 1982 Lisa married Franklin Earl Sweitzer (“Frank”). Frank and Lisa lived on the outskirts of Oakland, and both were employed by the Garrett County Board of Education as custodians. Frank worked in a variety of schools, Lisa in Broad Ford Elementary School. Three children were born to that marriage: Franky, Beth, and Paul. April 10, 2002, Frank met with an unfortunate tractor accident which took his life.



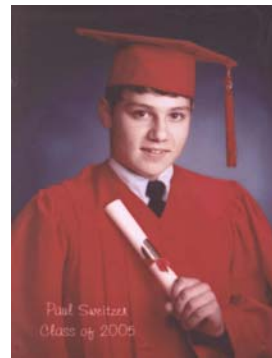
Frank and Lisa (Eary) Sweitzer with their children Franky, Paul and Beth.



Franklin Sweitzer.



Beth Sweitzer.



Paul Sweitzer.

William Matthew Eary



William Matthew EARY

B. 10 Oct 1960, Kingwood, PCo, WV
Fath. Paul Allen EARY
Moth. Alice Ann FEATHER

Linda Carol (Moebs) Eary



M. Linda Carol MOEBS, 5 Sep 1992

B. 20 Sep 1953
Fath. Noel MOEBS
Moth. Marjorie HALL

William Matthew Eary (“Matt”) has always lived in Garrett County, Maryland, except for the four years during which he was in college. He grew up in a rural area, rode a bus to school, and graduated from Southern High School in 1978.

He earned a Bachelor’s Degree in Computer Science from West Virginia Wesleyan College in Buchannon, West Virginia, graduating in 1982. The day after graduation he went to work for Micro-Integration (MI) in Friendsville, Maryland. While there he met Linda (“Lindy”) Carol Moebs who was also employed at MI. They were married September 5, 1992.

In 1999 Matt left MI and was then a freelance computer programmer and technician. More recently he is working as a software engineer for Argo Insurance Group in Rockwood, PA.

Matt is a member of Garrett County Choral Society and plays French horn in the Garrett Community Concert Band. He sings with “High Street” quartet and plays stand-up bass in the Sugar Foot Stompers jazz band. He plays piano at church, and occasionally performs in Our Town Theatre, a local theater group.



Lindy and Matt Eary.



Matt and Lindy (Moebs) Eary, 2005.

Linda Carol Moebs (“Lindy”) was born in Rutland, Vermont. She lived in Vermont and New Hampshire prior to moving to Center Valley, Pennsylvania, where she lived for 10 years. The family then moved to Pleasant Hills outside of Pittsburgh.

She attended West Virginia University and received her Bachelor’s Degree in Social Work in 1975. Her first job was in Fairmont, West Virginia with the Department of Welfare, providing social services to the elderly. She worked at various occupations including four years in a natural foods warehouse, a year doing freelance social work and crafts, and four years at Woodworks. In 1986 she was employed by Micro-Integration (MI) and moved from Morgantown to Garrett County, Maryland.

After Lindy and Matt were married in 1992 they lived in Friendsville for two years before moving to Grantsville where they currently reside. Lindy left MI in 1995 and the following year she established MuttWorks, an animal grooming business, in the basement of their home.

In addition to her love for and expertise with animals, Lindy has a beautiful singing voice and plays flute, piano, and banjo. She is a member of the Garrett County Choral Society and plays flute in the Community Concert Band and for church.



Matt and Lindy Eary.



Lindy Eary.



Lindy Eary and one of her “patrons.”

Thomas Edward Feather



Thomas Edward FEATHER

B. 8 Aug 1932, Kingwood, PCo, WV
D. 31 Dec 2016
Bur. Oakwood Cem., Summit Co, OH
Fath. Frank Jennings FEATHER
Moth. Mary CALLIS
M. Mary Agnes ROBB, 26 Apr 1958
B. 27 Apr 1931, Cuyahoga Falls, OH
D. 31 Dec 2023
Bur. Oakwood Cem., Summit Co, OH
Fath. Arthur Aloysius ROBB
Moth. Catherine Elizabeth LATHAM

Mary Agnes (Robb) Feather



Children:

1. Diane Marie
B. 2 Nov 1959 D. 7 Jul 2021
M. Jerry Lynn FALCONE
Bur. Oakwood Cem., Summit Co, OH
2. Sheila Jean
B. 4 Aug 1961
M. Ronnie Kent MANN
3. Michael Thomas ("Mike")
B. 27 Jun 1964
4. Karen Louise
B. 25 Dec 1967
M. Jeffrey Scott HUGHES

Thomas Edward Feather ("Tom"), born in Kingwood, West Virginia, was four years old when the family moved to the farm at Cranesville. There he attended the local one-room school through eighth grade. He graduated from Terra Alta High School in 1950.

During his boyhood years, Tom helped with the farm work which included plowing fields, harvesting crops, and making hay. He also helped around the shop. From a small child he was curious about how things work and experimented to find out, sometimes putting himself in danger, such as the time he put two nails in an electrical outlet. In the repair shop he became very knowledgeable about mechanical and electrical appliances and machines. That knowledge proved quite useful in later life.

After one year at West Virginia University majoring in agriculture, he moved to Akron, Summit County, Ohio, where he worked briefly for BF Goodrich Tire Company. October, 1953, he was drafted into the United States Army and served two years, one of which was in Korea. Upon his return from service in October 1955, he returned to Akron where in April, 1956 he began working for Ohio Bell Telephone Company. He retired 35 years later from the position of manager with Ameritech (former Ohio Bell Telephone Company).



Tom Feather - U. S. Army.

While in Akron Tom met and married Mary Agnes Robb. In 1965 they moved from Akron to Cuyahoga Falls, Summit County, Ohio, where they raised their family for eight years before moving to Stow, also Summit County, Ohio.

Through the years Tom has had many interests among which are amateur radio, computers, traveling, and vegetable gardening. He enjoys maintaining the family home, yard, and vehicles.

Mary Agnes Robb was born in Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio where she lived the first 27 years of her life. She attended St. Joseph Catholic Grade School in Cuyahoga Falls through grade 8, and four years later graduated from St. Mary's High School, Akron, Ohio. After graduation she worked six years in an office for Blue Cross Insurance in Akron, before becoming a homemaker and mother.

She enjoys taking care of the home, flower gardening, traveling, square dancing and volunteering. She sews beautifully, and in addition to sewing for her family, she has made many items for charitable organizations.

Both Mary and Tom have devoted many volunteer hours to "Right to Life." They enjoy square dancing and frequently participated when traveling in other states.



Tom and Mary (Robb) Feather.



Tom and Mary Feather.



Tom and Mary Feather ready for a square dance.



Tom and Mary Feather, 2008.

Diane Marie Feather



Diane Marie FEATHER FALCONE

B. 2 Nov 1959, Akron, Summit Co, OH
D. 7 Jul 2021
Bur. Oakwood Cem., Summit Co, OH
Fath. Thomas Edward FEATHER

Diane and Jerry Falcone



Diane and Jerry Falcone.

Moth. Mary Agnes ROBB
M. Jerry Lynn FALCONE, 8 Jul 1978
B. 4 Jun 1956, Akron, OH
Fath. Philip FALCONE
Moth. Edythe Dolores HARTZ

Diane Marie Feather was born in Akron, Ohio, November 2, 1959, to Tom and Mary Feather. She graduated from Stow High School in Ohio in 1978. July 8, 1978 she married Jerry Lynn Falcone and they made their home in Akron. She became a deli manager at Acme Grocery Company where she was employed for more than 25 years. Jerry, a 1974 graduate of East High School in Akron, was an auto service manager for six years and an audio engineer. They enjoyed attending drag races and car shows, camping, boating, and motorcycle riding.

Sheila Jean Feather



Sheila Jean FEATHER MANN

B. 4 Aug 1961, Akron, Summit Co, OH
Fath. Thomas Edward FEATHER
Moth. Mary Agnes ROBB
M. Ronnie Kent MANN, 11 Dec 1982
B. 29 Jan 1959, Dallas, TX
Fath. Clarence Richard MANN
Moth. Minnie Murlene ESLICK

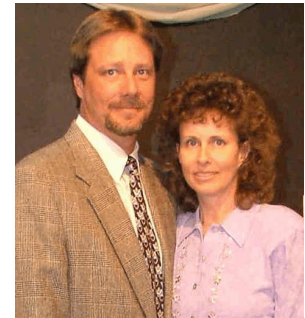
Sheila Jean Feather, daughter of Tom and Mary Feather, grew up in Cuyahoga Falls and Stow, Ohio. She graduated from Stow High School in 1979, completing the two year office education program. Shortly after graduating, she moved to Colorado where she met and married Ronnie Kent Mann. Sheila worked for the telephone company in Denver for more than 20 years becoming experienced in computer technology. She then established an independent real estate business along with freelance writing of online real estate classes.

Ronnie Kent Mann



Children:

1. Brenda Lynn
B. 2 Jul 1983, Denver, CO
M. Ronald Gary JUAREZ
2. Richard Evan ("Ricky")
B. 22 Mar 1986, Denver, CO



Ron and Sheila Mann.



Sheila, Ron, Brenda, and Ricky Mann.

Ronnie Kent Mann ("Ron") was born in Texas, January 29, 1959. He was raised in Colorado from two months of age and has many talents and interests. As an avid outdoors man he enjoys hunting, fishing, golfing, participating in black powder shooting competitions and everything to do with muzzleloaders. Ron is very handy and has a home improvement business. He has also been heavily involved in martial arts for over 20 years and now subcontracts as a state official overseeing events.

Ron and Sheila have two children, Brenda and Ricky, and a granddaughter.

Brenda Lynn (Mann) Juarez, daughter of Sheila and Ron Mann, was born in Denver and raised in Wheat Ridge and Arvada, Colorado. She attended culinary school and graduated in 2001. In June of 2005, Brenda married Ronald Gary Juarez (“Ron”) who moved to Colorado from California 18 years prior. Brenda is a closing assistant for a major title insurance company and involved in martial arts. She also enjoys hunting and muzzleloading competition. Ron works as an electrician. Their daughter, Brianna Rose, was born May 3, 2015.



Brenda (Mann) Juarez.

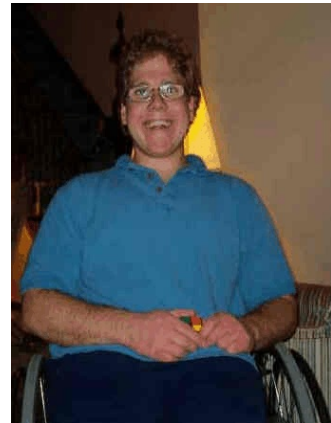


Ron and Brenda Juarez.

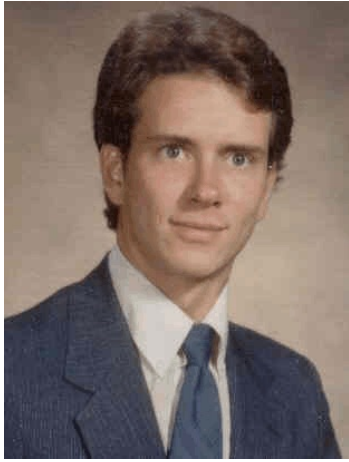
Richard Evan Mann (“Ricky”), son of Sheila and Ron Mann, was born in Denver and raised in Wheat Ridge and Arvada, Colorado. Despite the challenges of being born with spina bifida, Ricky perseveres with a happy, positive attitude and a great sense of humor. He is a big hockey fan and also enjoys his computer and watching televised mixed martial arts.



Ricky Mann.



Michael Thomas Feather

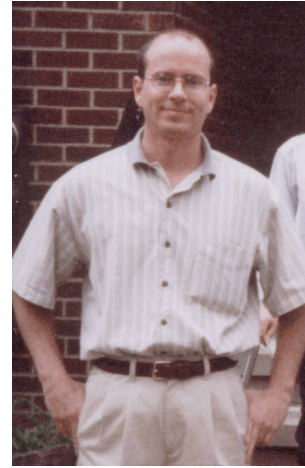


Michael Thomas FEATHER

B. 27 Jun 1964, Akron, Summit Co, OH

Fath. Thomas Edward FEATHER

Moth. Mary Agnes ROBB



Mike Feather.

Michael Thomas Feather (“Mike”) grew up in Cuyahoga Falls and Stow, Ohio. He attended Immaculate Heart of Mary and Holy Family. He is a 1982 Stow High School graduate, a 1986 Kent State University graduate with a BBA in Computer Science, and a 1997 University of Akron graduate with an MBA. From 1990 to 1999 Mike held the position of database administrator at Telxon Inc., in Fairlawn, OH. Currently he is self employed and lives in Cuyahoga Falls.



Thomas Feather Family: Tom and Mary, Jerry and Diane Falcone, Sheila Mann, Karen and Jeff Hughes, Brenda Mann, Mike Feather, Ricky Mann.



Feather “Girls” - Sheila, Diane, Karen, and Mary.

Karen Louise Feather



Karen Louise FEATHER HUGHES

B. 25 Dec 1967, Akron, Summit Co, OH
Fath. Thomas Edward FEATHER
Moth. Mary Agnes ROBB
M. Jeffrey Scott HUGHES, 17 Jan 1997
B. 10 Nov 1963, Akron, OH
Fath. Edgar Oliver HUGHES
Moth. Patricia Jane CASTER

Jeffrey Scott Hughes



Children:

1. Samuel Coleman ("Sam")
B. 3 Dec 1997, Akron, OH
2. Kathryn Olivia ("Katie")
B. 27 May 2001, Akron, OH
3. Nolan Thomas
B. 24 Oct 2005, Akron, OH

Karen Louise Feather attended school in Cuyahoga Falls and Stow, Ohio where she graduated from Stow High School in 1986. She then attended the University of Akron, received a BS degree in Dietetics and has worked as a dietitian since 1995.

Jeffrey Scott Hughes ("Jeff") lived in Akron most of his life. He graduated in 1982 from Copley High School, Copley, Ohio, and Stark State Technical College in Canton, Ohio, in 1997. He attended the University of Akron and received two Associates degrees in 1990. He is a physical therapist assistant.

After they were married in 1997, Karen and Jeff lived in Cuyahoga Falls before moving to Norton, Ohio where the family currently lives. They have three children: Sam, Katie, and Nolan. Together they enjoy sports, camping, hiking, music, and trips to the beach.



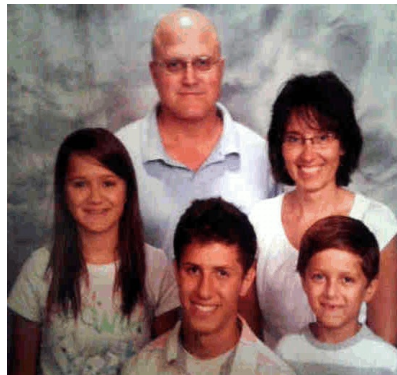
*Samuel Coleman Hughes
First Communion, 2005.*



*Kathryn Olivia Hughes
First Communion, 2009.*



*Nolan Thomas Hughes
First Communion, 2014.*



*Jeff and Karen Hughes, Katie, Sam,
and Nolan.*

Browning and Kelley

Lines

----- **BROWNING** -----

The name Browning is an Anglo-Saxon word and comes from Old England. The name DeBrunii, later Bruning, came from the Germans in the early centuries. When the Brunings migrated from Germany to England, the name changed to Browning. The German word “Brun” means brown. The word Bruning possibly refers to the color of the original people.

Captain John Browning sailed to America from Gravesend, England, in 1622 on the ship “Abigail.” He settled in Elizabeth City, Virginia, where he served as Burgess in 1635. He was the founder of one of the oldest and first families of Virginia. The plantation on which he lived is three to four miles from Williamsburg.

John BROWNING, Captain

B. Abt. 1588, London, England
M. 1614

Children:

1. George B. Abt. 1614
2. **William** B. Abt. 1615
3. Joseph B. Abt. 1617

William BROWNING

B. Abt. 1615, London, England
Fath. John BROWNING, Captain

Children:

1. **John** B. Abt. 1646
M. **Anna HAZARD**

William Browning came from England with his father in 1622 and settled in Jamestown. The name of his wife is unknown, but they had at least one son.

John BROWNING

B. 1646, Jamestown, James City, VA
D. Abt. 1682, Jamestown, James City, VA
Fath. William BROWNING
M. **Anna HAZARD**, Abt. 1665

Children:

1. **John, Jr.** B. Abt. 1676
M. **Mary DAVIS**

John BROWNING, Jr.

B. Abt. 1676, Jamestown, James City, VA
Fath. John BROWNING
Moth. Anna HAZARD
M. **Mary DAVIS**

Children:

1. Francis B. Abt. 1700
2. John B. Abt. 1702
3. Edmund B. Abt. 1704
4. James B. Abt. 1706
5. Thomas B. Abt. 1708
6. **William** B. Abt. 1710 D. Abt. 1790
M. **Miss WILLIAMSON**
7. Nicholas B. Abt. 1712

William BROWNING

B. Abt. 1710, Culpepper, VA

D. Abt. 1790

Fath. John BROWNING, Jr.

Moth. Mary DAVIS

M. **Miss WILLIAMSON**, Abt. 1740

Children:

1. Rebecca B. Abt. 1746
2. Charles B. Abt. 1748
3. **Joshua** B. Abt. 1750 D. 1781
M. **Nancy FARMER**
4. John B. Abt. 1752
5. Jacob B. Abt. 1754

William Browning joined the British Army under General Braddock and fought against the French and the Indians. After Braddock's defeat in 1755 at Fort Duquesne, (now Pittsburgh), he moved from Virginia and settled in Maryland.

Joshua BROWNING

B. Abt. 1750 D. 1781

Fath. William BROWNING

Moth. Miss WILLIAMSON

M. **Nancy FARMER**, 1768

Children:

1. Dorcas B. 1769 D. 1792
2. Joshua, Jr. B. 1773
3. Jeremiah B. 1775
4. **Meshach** B. 1781 D. 19 Nov 1859
M(1). **Mary McMULLEN**
M(2). Mary M. SMITH

Joshua Browning accompanied his father on Braddock's expedition. Upon his return, he settled near Damascus, Maryland.

Meshach Browning and Mary (McMullen) Browning



*Meshach(k) BROWNING

B. 1781, Damascus, Frederick Co, MD
D. 19 Nov 1859, Great Glades, GCo, MD
Bur. Hoyes Catholic Cem., GCo, MD
Fath. Joshua BROWNING
Moth. Nancy FARMER
M(1). **Mary McMULLEN**,
30 Apr 1799, Addison, PA
B. 1781, Great Glades, GCo, MD
D. 29 Jan 1839, Great Glades, GCo, MD
Bur. Hoyes Catholic Cem., GCo, MD
Par. James and Rachel McMULLEN
Children M(1):

1. **Dorcas**
B. 7 Apr 1800 D. 23 Mar 1880
M. **Joseph KELLEY**

2. Rachel (Rachael)
B. 18 May 1802, Great Glades, GCo, MD
D. 22 Oct 1869, Deer Park, GCo, MD
M. Joseph FRIEND, 17 Oct 1823
3. William
B. 14 Nov 1804 D. 27 Jun 1879
M(1). Elizabeth Ann DRANE, 30 Jul 1830
M(2). Sarah Ann DEWITT
4. John Lynn
B. 5 Aug 1809
D. 31 May 1895
M. Maria THAYER, 22 Sep 1834
5. James
B. 21 Jun 1811
D. 11 Oct 1896 (Browning book says 1900)
M. Ismene BARNARD, May 1837
6. Nancy Ann
B. 12 Jan 1812, Great Glades, GCo, MD
D. 27 May 1854
M(1). Dominique J. MATTINGLY,
Cumberland, GCo, MD
M(2). John KITZMILLER, 22 Feb 1832
7. Allen Meshach
B. 1814, Great Glades, GCo, MD
D. 6 Aug 1885(?)
M. Hannah KIRKPATRICK
8. Thomas
B. 1816, Great Glades, GCo, MD
D. 1905
M. Susan DEWITT, 10 Nov 1848
9. Jane H.
B. 1817, Great Glades, GCo, MD
D. 1885
M. Joab BROWNING
10. Jeremiah
B. 1819
D. 1 Aug 1896
M. Mary M. DICK
11. Sarah ("Sally")
B. 1821
M. Adam NETHKIN, 15 Jan 1841
M(2). Mary M. SMITH, 24 Apr 1841
D. 8 Sept 1857
Bur. Hoyes Catholic Cem., GCo, MD

* The spelling of Meshach/Meshack varies. In his book, the name is spelled with "h". On his gravestone and many other places it is spelled with "k".

Meshach Browning was born in Frederick County, Maryland. Two weeks later his father died leaving his mother with four young children. When Meshach was nine years old Nancy Browning took her sons Joshua and Meshach and joined relatives in Allegany County, Maryland. There Meshach went to live with his aunt who was married to John Spurgin.

The Spurgins took him, with their pack horses and cattle, westward through Cumberland and on into present day Garrett County. They settled in the area of McHenry and later in Blooming Rose. Young Meshach attended school less than six months.

He was 18 years old when he married his schoolmate and neighbor, Mary McMullen. He traded his horse “for a small squatter’s farm—and a good cabin” at Blooming Rose and traded his flint-lock gun for a cow. He and Mary loaded their few goods on a sled and moved into the new home. There they continued to acquire a few more cows, some sheep and a colt.

In pioneer days much of a family’s survival depended on the success of the hunter. Deer, bear, and turkeys provided food and clothing; mountain lions, wolves, wildcats (bobcats), and rattlesnakes threatened their safety. Without exaggeration, it can be said that Browning was Maryland’s most famous hunter and stories of his great outdoor skills still circulate. His autobiography *Forty Years of the Life of a Hunter* (originally called *Forty-Four Years of a Hunters Life*) is well known in Western Maryland. The book, published the year he died, is one of America’s hunting classics and contains a vivid picture of pioneer life in Garrett County.

Over the years the book has had many positive reviews, although in the past a few have seen him as egotistical and exaggerated. In his book Browning is always the hero. He does not mention other great hunters of his day, except for his neighbor John Friend. Local historian Charles Hoye says, “And why not? He was writing Meshach Browning’s ‘Life’.”

Regardless of how one sees him, it is a fact that Meshach Browning is the most famous of the Feather family and is known today as somewhat of a legend. A section of the Garrett County Museum in Oakland, Maryland, contains Meshach Browning memorabilia.



Sketch by Edward Stabler from Meshach’s book.

Feather Ancestor

Dorcas Browning (daughter of Meshach)

M. Joseph KELLEY

Mariah KELLEY

M. Joseph Czalmon (“Sol”) FEATHER

Kope Ancestor

Sarah (“Sally”) Browning (daughter of Meshach)

M. Adam NETHKIN

Meshach NETHKIN

M. Sarah Ann SPIKER

Lucetta NETHKIN

M. Chambers Glenn KOPE

Victor KOPE

M. Mary Jane FEATHER

In 1801 after a “false claimant” claimed his property, Meshach moved his family to Bear Creek Glades, which he described in his book:

“It consisted of the remains of an old cabin, which had been torn down to the joists by hunters, and burnt for firewood. I had it again raised to its former height, and covered with clapboards; but it had neither floor, chimney, nor door—a hole cut through the wall being the only way to get in or out. The first thing which greeted us was a very large rattlesnake, which lay coiled up in the house, but which we soon dispatched. We commenced stowing our bed and clothing on the ground in one corner of the house, while the horses were nipping the grass outside. Another rattlesnake was discovered outside of the house, but was soon killed...

Mary was contented in her new home; and while I furnished meat and bread, she made as sweet butter as ever was eaten, and laid away enough for winter use. There were thousands of wild bees, and from each hive I discovered I got from two to ten gallons of honey. I could sell deer skins at any time in the old settlement; for in those days many men, and almost all the boys, wore buckskin pants and hunting shirts. I used to take my skins to the mill, and leave them there, and the farmers would leave me their value in grain; and for bear meat I received four dollars a hundred. In that way I bought flax and wool, and Mary carded it by hand, spun, wove, and made it into clothing. She done washing, knitting, housework, milking and churning, besides keeping herself, her children, and myself always cleanly and nicely dressed.”

In 1816 Meshach purchased 75 acres from Charles Friend in “The Sanging Ground” (Sang Run today) and lived in an old log house on the property. He later built a new one and a half story cabin. A picture of that log cabin hung in the homes of many of his descendants, including Frank and Mary Feather’s home.

Soon after building the new house he obtained a pair of millstones and built a grist mill. The mill was a great convenience to neighbors who had previously had to travel ten miles to Selby’s Port (Selbysport). Meshach also had a sawmill.



Meshach's cabin at Sang Run was destroyed by fire around 1933.

Sometime around 1835 or 1836 Meshach's wife Mary decided to make a trip to see her daughter Rachel. When she chose to take their somewhat spirited horse, Meshach had some reservations, but because she was an excellent rider, he agreed.

She visited her daughter for two days and began the journey home with her small granddaughter seated in front of her. Along the way the horse, frightened by a small boy near the path, made a quick bound and threw Mary flat onto the road. Her granddaughter escaped injury, but Mary was left with a dislocated back-bone, and during the following three years she was never free of pain. After a time she was confined to bed. Even though she was incapacitated, she did not remain idle, but sat propped up in bed sewing or knitting.

Meshach said in his book, "...my hopes of happiness became more and more gloomy." As the days went by, Mary became weaker and weaker. January 29, 1839, she breathed her last breath.

Meshach wrote:

"Oh! heavens, what a stroke! The dearest friend of my bosom, the earliest love of my boyhood, the kind and affectionate mother of eleven of my children, taken from us for ever! All that I could say then, and even now, is, 'Father, thy will be done.' Now let her soul rest in peace."

Tribute to his wife Mary

I've heard that first and early love
Outlives all after dreams;
But memory of my first great grief
To me more lasting seems.

How oft my mind recalls the day
When to my peaceful home
Death came, a dread, unwelcome guest,
And beckoned to the tomb!

He left his seal upon her face;
I shuddered at the sight;
And shudder still, to think upon
The anguish of that night.

The gracious brow and kindling cheek
Were cold as sculptured stone;
Those eyes were closed, that once had beams
As bright as ever shown.

Yes; cold the cheek, and cold the brow;
The eye was fixed and dim;
A husband mourned a loving wife,
Who'd lived alone for him.

I knew not if 'twas summer then,
I knew not when 'twas spring;
And if the birds sang in the trees,
I did not hear them sing.

If flowers came forth to deck the earth,
Their bloom I did not see;
I thought but on one withered flower,
The last that bloomed for me.

A sad and solemn time it was
Within that house of woe;
All eyes were dim, all hearts cast down,
And every voice was low.

Softly we trod, as if afraid
To break that tranquil sleep;
And took last looks at her pale face,
Remembrance long to keep.

And when, at last, she was borne afar
From this world's weary strife,
Often in thought I lived again
With that kind and loving wife.

Her every look, her every word
Her varied voice's tone,
Came back to me, like things of worth,
Most truly prized when gone.

Our sweetest hours glide swiftly by,
And leave the faintest trace;
But that deep mark that sorrow wears
No time can e'er efface.

One of Browning's friends was Edward Stabler of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing at Washington. It was he who edited Meshach's autobiography and said of Mary: "It may be truly said of this estimable lady, that, though reared in the wilderness, every trait that adorns the female character shone brightly in her. She was a dutiful child, a most exemplary mother, a devoted wife, and a true friend."

Meshach became a tax assessor for Allegany County and boarded in Cumberland. There he met Mary M. Smith, the mother of his hostess. Much controversy and many delays surrounded their courtship. Some family members as well as certain clergymen believed that Mary's husband was still living somewhere out west. Finally, the bishop of the church ordered the ceremony to be performed and the couple was married in Cumberland, Maryland, April 24, 1841. Meshach said of Mary, "I obtained as kind and industrious a wife as any man ever had, and, in a word, one who suited me to admiration." This marriage lasted until Mary died in 1857.

Two years later Meshach contacted pneumonia and died. Meshach and both of his wives are buried in the Catholic Cemetery at Hoyaes, Maryland. The Maryland Historical Society placed a bronze roadside plaque with a short narrative about his life near the grave site.

This rugged outdoor man was fond of singing and dancing and was a "fair fiddler." He taught all his sons to "fiddle," and they were known for miles around for their music. Many early issues of *The Republican* give accounts of Meshach's sons and later his grandsons participating in, and frequently winning, fiddling contests.

The following clippings were printed in various newspapers.

BROWNING'S TO BROADCAST FROM KDKA SATURDAY Garrett County's Premier Fiddlers Will Go To Pittsburgh and Play That Night

Sponsored by Messrs. G. A. Fraley & Sons, merchants, and by Kerins Bros., owners of the Kerins' Garage in Oakland, both of which firms have shown considerable enthusiasm in the KDKA, Pittsburgh, a member of the Fraley firm will leave Oakland Saturday morning for Pittsburgh, accompanied by Messrs. Abel and Thomas Browning, old-time fiddlers, and John Browning, harpist, who is a nephew of the fiddlers, and at 7:30 the trio will broadcast their program from the Pittsburgh station under direction of the management of the Stockmen's Exchange studio in East Pittsburgh. The program will be on from the hour above stated until ten o'clock. (2 1/2 hours)

In order that many persons in Garrett county who do not have radio outfits in their homes, several private owners have arranged to install their sets at central points. Messrs. Kerins' Bros. will have one of their high-class outfits at the Hall of the Sunnyside Grange, at Fraley's store and also at their place of business on Green street in Oakland.

The Messrs. Browning appeared at the Maryland Theatre in Oakland on Monday night where they entered a contest with the Fiddling

Mountaineers of Kentucky and Tennessee and in which the local musicians were proclaimed easy winners, Abel Browning received first prize and Thomas J. Browning second prize.

These two are the surviving members of a family of six sons of the late John L. Browning, each of whom were violin players of prominence in Garrett county. When all together the six brothers would play together and produced music so closely in unison that it appeared that one great instrument only was being played.

They are unable to read a note of music but can play any violin number upon hearing it executed once. It is said of them that once a noted German violin professor heard the brothers play and he was so impressed with their peculiar style of harmonics that he asked them to allow him to learn their execution. The music master was invited to visit their big and hospitable home where, he said, he would remain a few days to learn what they knew. His visit lasted four months and then the professor said that he had accomplished some of their peculiar technique.

The Republican March 18, 1926

THE BROWNING BROTHERS GAVE TOWN PROMINENCE

Hundreds of Their Friends In Garrett County and Elsewhere Delighted With Program

The Browning Brothers, Messrs. Abel and Thomas, seconded by their nephew, John Browning, gave Oakland and Garrett county considerable publicity on last Saturday night at which time their repertoire of violin and harp music was broadcasted to all points in the eastern United States from Station KDKA, Pittsburgh, Pa., to which point the party motored from Oakland, accompanied by Mr. Neil Fraley, on Saturday morning, the return to Oakland being made Sunday afternoon.

Hundreds of people in Oakland and other hundreds in various parts of Garrett county heard the program with varying degrees of delight and pride that the county produced such able fiddlers which drew to the studio in Pittsburgh great crowds of the residents of that city who went to greet the entertainers and to express their appreciation.

From many parts of the country letters commending the fiddlers for their entertaining numbers have been received by them and also at the broadcasting station. The Republican office is also in receipt of one or two notes from friends of the editor as well as friends of the Browning brothers.

The program came in splendidly at all points in the county. Several numbers were played for especially good friends of the performers whose names were announced from the studio by the director.

Tuesday afternoon Mayor Fraley, who sponsored the entertainment in conjunction with Kerins Brothers, of Oakland, was in receipt of the following letter from the studio in Pittsburgh: Mr. L. M. Fraley, Oakland, Md.

Dear Sir:—In behalf of the Stockman-Farmer officers and personal, (as spelled) wish to thank you for the excellent feature provided in the shape of the entertainment by the Browning Brothers and their friends. They gave over a wonderful exhibition and it is needless to say that we of the Stockman and KDKA were greatly pleased with these old gentlemen. We hope that sometime in the near future that we may again be able to feature them in a special program, one which will take the form of an old fiddlers' contest.

Yours very truly,

J. H. WEIR, Program Director

The Republican (Unknown date)

REMINISCES

“Footprints from the Mountains of Western Maryland”

by Wm. Kilgour's *Book of the Royal Blue for September*

I cannot refrain from giving an imperfect and short sketch of one of the most spirited and unique fishing outings ever planned in this community. It was a reunion of the immediate relatives and friends of the Browning family in a week's fishing and hunting expedition on the banks of the wild and historic Cheat River. The Brownings, nine in number, eight grandsons and one great-grandson of Meshach Browning the pioneer hunter and nimrod of Western Maryland (whose autobiography, entitled, “Forty-four years of the Life of a Hunter,” has a place on the choice shelf of the libraries of those who are fond of outdoor sports), all of whom inherited his love of nature, the chase, hunt and camp fires, and was never so happy as when roaming over field, forest or along the streams. It was my privilege to be in company with this

distinguished author and hunter when his photograph was taken for the frontispiece of his work, and as I listened to some of his thrilling narratives of some of his desperate hand-to-hand encounters, the forty and odd years spent in wilderness of solitude and danger, then aged, bent and battered by the storm of forty and odd years he reminded me of some mighty giant taking a rest after the fury of a prolonged and desperate battle.

The morning was bright and young when a large two-horse wagon was loaded with provision, and six covered wagons drawn by twelve handsome horses, furnished transportation for the merry crowd. The middle wagon was well arranged with seats and rolling curtains, in which was the renowned Browning Orchestra, six brothers with their fine violins and who started the march by

playing "Arkansas Traveler." Six violins in the hands of six brothers, as artistic players as ever drew a bow.

It was 1:00 p.m. when the point of destination was reached. Here two large tents were pitched, one a music and assembly hall and a dining room, much enjoyed by a hungry but happy company.

After dinner the large covered wagons and the smaller tents were arranged as sleeping apartments. All was now done and the arrangements completed for a week's stay. Soon the evening sun began to sink behind the gigantic mountains and the evening shadows stretched far and wide along the beautiful little valley. The rippling waters of the old river seemed to babble a welcome that was caught by all.

For a whole week the camp fires burned and every evening around the blazing torches six brothers with their violins, from which came the sweet music that swelled the breezes of the mountain crags and delighted the crowds of people that gathered in from Rowlesburg, Aurora and the surrounding country. On Thursday evening the

crowd was unusually large, when it was proposed that a concert be given on the water. According the boats were all filled and rowed to the middle of the river and anchored and the concert there lasted for an hour or more. On Friday evening Stephen, John F. and Abel Browning were rowed out to the middle of the river, where they played "Kelly on the Lake," the pathetic story of the history of the piece having been told, prepared those seated on the shore for its best appreciation and made it hard for them to restrain the tears that were wont to flow.

On Saturday morning the tents were folded and the party, like the Arabs, "stole silently away," resting at Armore, the beautiful country home of William Browning, the memories which cluster around the dead embers of the camp fires fall over me as softly and sweetly as a young girl's first dream of love; with the unceasing music of the waters of the Cheat; with the mesmeric grandeur and mellow splendors enveloping everything far recall the lines of the poet.

Garrett Journal, Sept. 17, 1903

BIG FISHING PARTY

(First line is not readable)..... a big fishing party for this season culminated Tuesday morning at about six o'clock when the party, comprising more than forty members, started for the banks of the winding river Cheat. They took with them enough eatables to provision a fair sized army and intend to enjoy themselves for the next two weeks. Their camp will be pitched at Gabriel Pulliam's about eight miles above Rowlesburg and if any fish are left in that part of old Cheat in two weeks from last Tuesday it will not be the fault of the more than forty members of the party. We could not secure the names of all the members of the party, following are some:

N. B. Browning and wife; J. F. Browning, Meshach Browning, Stephen Browning and wife, Ralph Browning and wife, E. R. Browning, John F. Browning and wife, Able Browning, Thomas J.

Browning and wife, Wm. Browning, B. F. Browning, J. D. Browning, A. J. Elliott and wife, Dr. M. L. Fitchner and wife, Wesley DeBerry and wife, Thomas DeBerry, Lois DeBerry, Elmer Forman, W. T. White and family, Wm. Barnard, Mrs. Rebecca Feather, Mrs. Sue Parsons, Fuller Kelly and wife, Claude Parsons, Mrs. Mary Kelly, Roy Fichtner and wife. Bruce Fichtner and wife, Nina Painter, Harry Fichtner, Fred Fichtner, Neil Garlet, Jno. (John) Fraley, A. F. Chidester, J. M. Buckner, Rev. E. P. Idleman, E. D. Benson, Richard Browning, Bruce Browning, T. A. Kimmell, Blaine Shanke, James Kernes, and George Kernes.

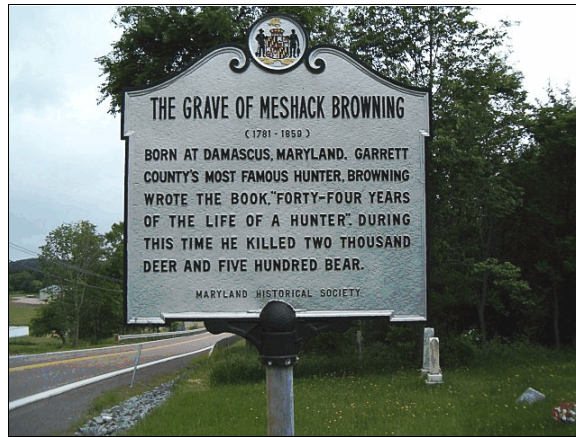
This trip has a deeper significance than a mere fishing trip as it is a family reunion as well.

Garrett Journal, July 7, 1904

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Meshach Browning's Grave Site

Catholic Cemetery at Hoyes, Maryland



Plaque erected by the Maryland Historical Society.

The four stones at the right are close-up views to show the readings on the base of the tall stone.



Meshach Browning monument.



Front of stone for Meshach (Meshack) Browning.



Right side of stone for first wife Mary (McMullen) Browning.



Left side of stone for second wife.



Back reads: "Erected by the Children and Grandchildren."

----- **KELLY / KELLEY** -----

Joseph Kelley and Dorcas (Browning) Kelley



Joseph KELLEY

B. 15 May 1794, Cumberland Valley,
Bedford Co, PA

D. 7 Oct 1873, PCo, WV

Bur. Kelley Cem., PCo, WV

M. **Dorcas BROWNING**, 30 Mar 1821

B. 7 Apr 1800 D. 23 Mar 1880,

Great Glades, GCo, MD

Bur. Kelley Cem., PCo, WV

Fath. Meshach BROWNING

Moth. Mary McMULLEN

Children:

1. Mary Ann
B. 16 Feb 1822, Sang Run, GCo, MD
D. 12 Apr 1867
M. Anthony RICHARDS
2. William Thomas
B. 8 Feb 1824, Sang Run, GCo, MD
* D. 7 Oct 1869, 1887 or 1880
M. Hannah TURNER
3. Henry Harrison
B. 8 Apr 1826, Sang Run, GCo, MD
D. 16 Mar 1869, Terra Alta, PCo, WV
Bur. Kelley Cem., PCo, WV
4. Martha Ann
B. 9 Apr 1828, Sang Run, GCo, MD
D. 11 Jan 1903
M. William WILSON

5. Elizabeth Jane
B. 7 Jun 1830, Sang Run, GCo, MD
D. 29 Jul 1877(?)
M. Martin Luther BRUCHINAL
6. James Browning
B. 7 Jan 1835, Sang Run, GCo, MD
D. 21 Jul 1875, Buchanan Co, MO
Bur. Frazier, Buchanan Co, MO
M. Margaret Loretta GARRAHAN, 20 Apr 1860
7. Angelina
B. 2 Jun 1837 or 1832 Sang Run, GCo, MD
D. 31 Jan 1905
M(1). Beatty COVER
M(2). W. S. CASTEEL
8. **Mariah Hannah**
B. 11 Sep 1838 D. 15 Nov 1904
M. **Joseph Czalmon FEATHER**
9. Joseph Meshach Allen
B. 5 Mar 1840, PCo, WV
D. 29 May 1898
Bur. Kelley Cem., PCo, WV
M. Malinda RYLAND
10. Lousia
B. 16 Apr 1842 D. 29 Oct 1925
M. Sam FLEEGLE
11. Teresa
B. 6 Sep 1845 D. 6 Sep 1849

* When there is a choice of dates, the one containing the month and day is thought to be most likely correct.
The spelling of Kelly/Kelley varies among relatives.

Joseph Kelley was a farmer, likely born in the Cumberland Valley, Bedford County, Pennsylvania. From an old letter written by an elderly relative, there is reason to believe that his father was Thomas Kelley and his mother Mary Ann (Evans) Kelley, but no evidence has been found to support it.

Little is known about Joseph Kelley prior to his marriage in 1821 to Dorcas Browning. It is thought that Joseph and his brother William served in the same military regiment at the same time.

He and Dorcas first lived in the Sang Run area, Garrett County, Maryland, until around 1837 when they moved to Preston County, West Virginia.

May 24, 1855, Joseph Kelley, age 61, submitted a "Form of Declaration" applying for "bounty land." In the application he affirmed the following:

He served as a private in the company commanded by Captain Thomas Blair, in the first regiment commanded by General Winder, in the war with England 1812 for the term of 60 days and continued in actual service for 14 days; that he has heretofore made application for bounty land under the act of September 28, 1850 and received a land warrant for 40 acres, which he has since legally disposed of and cannot now return . . . He makes this declaration for the purpose of obtaining the additional bounty land to which he may be entitled under the act approved the 3rd day of March, 1855. He also declares that he has never applied for nor received any land warrant except the one above mentioned.

Six years after the death of Joseph, Dorcas Kelley applied for a Widow's Pension. May 24, 1878, Daniel Titchenell signed a statement that in his judgment Dorcas was not able to "go to the clerk of the court to execute the paper" applying for a pension. He apparently delivered it for her. The papers reiterated the above, that during the fall of 1814 Joseph served in the War of 1812 as a private in Captain Thomas Blair's Maryland Regiment. On the application she described Joseph as "5 feet 10 inches high, blue eyes, light hair and light complexion," and she stated that she and Joseph were married in the M. E. Church at Asher Glade, Allegany County (now Garrett County) by Jacob Fike. No evidence was found that a pension was granted. Dorcas lived only two years after making the application.



Dorcas (Browning) Kelley.



Joseph and Dorcas (Browning) Kelley stones in Kelley Cemetery.

Kelley Cemetery Restoration Project

During the summer of 1993, Ralph Kelley, son of Russell Kelley, organized a group to clean up the badly neglected Kelley Cemetery located about three miles from Cranesville between Afton and Orr. The cemetery is on a hill on the farm where Ralph had grown up some 80 years ago.

The goal to clean up the cemetery and install a fence around the area required tools, machinery and labor. The volunteers responded and worked a total of 10 non-consecutive days.

In addition to Ralph who lived 185 miles away in Hermitage, Pennsylvania, and Tom Feather who lived more than 200 miles away in Stow, Ohio, those making up the “work crew” were local people: Victor and Jane Kope, Paul and Alice Eary, Dale Sisler, Ben and Mary Lou Conn, and Paul Sisler.

Those contributing to the fence: Margaret K. Cubbon, Tom and Mary Feather, Paul and Alice Eary, Betty Lou Hunter, Eugene and June Kelley, Ralph R. Kelley, Dewey and Bonnie Kelly, R. Drew Kelly, Walter and Irene Kelly, Laura Kelly Lewis, Marian and Harry Roupe, Glen (Tink) Smith, Juanita K. Smith, Virginia and Randall Smith, and Mr. and Mrs. James Spencer.



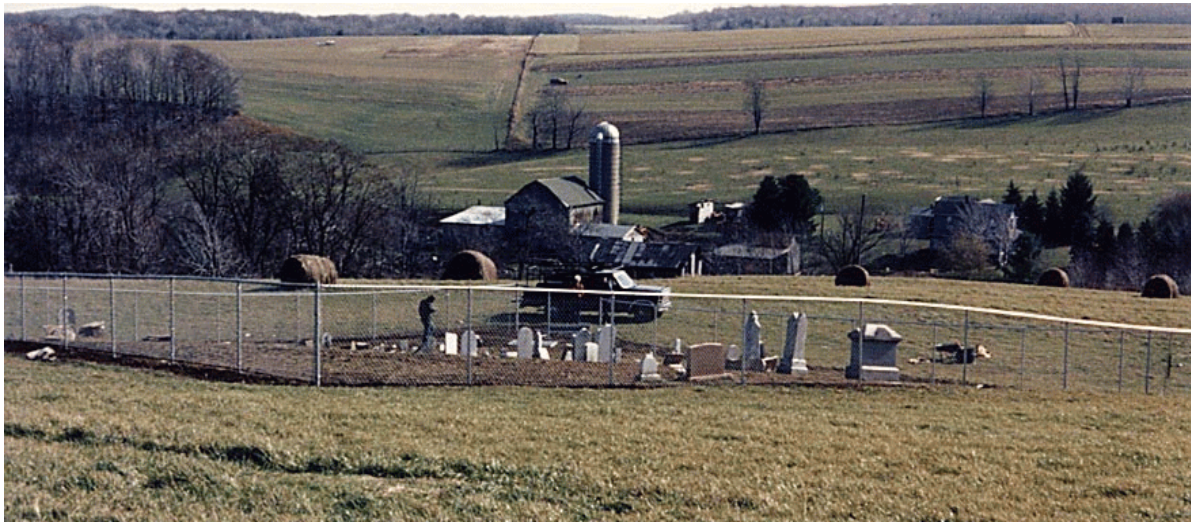
Kelley Cemetery prior to clean up.

Left-Right: Dale Sisler, Victor Kope, Tom Feather, Jane Kope, and Paul Eary.

Accessing the cemetery was no easy task, especially after a rain. Workers hauled truckloads of rocks and sod from the cemetery to fill the ruts at the entrance. When the job was completed, the trees had been removed, the sod had been removed and the area was planted, one plug at a time, in Soysia Grass. Some of the stones which were displaced as result of a tornado in the 1940s had been repositioned, and a 60-inch high chain link fence had been installed.



Entrance to access Kelley Cemetery.



Restoration of Kelley Cemetery.

Prior to 1993 there was no stone for Orval Feather's grave. Jane Kope, Alice Eary, Tom Feather, and Robert Feather (grandchildren of Orval) combined resources to have a stone placed there. Closeup pictures of Orval Feather's stone and those of his parents, Joseph and Mariah (Kelley) Feather can be seen at the end of the Joseph Czalmon Feather section of this history.

Because of the remote location of the cemetery where her husband was buried, Orval's wife, Alice (Coddington) Feather, chose to be buried with the Coddington family. Her stone is in the Brown plot near her brother Horace and his wife Dora, in the Oakland Cemetery in Garrett County, Maryland.

Directions to Kelley Cemetery

From Terra Alta, WV, follow Rt 42 (Toy Street) out of town to Cranesville Road (Rt 47).

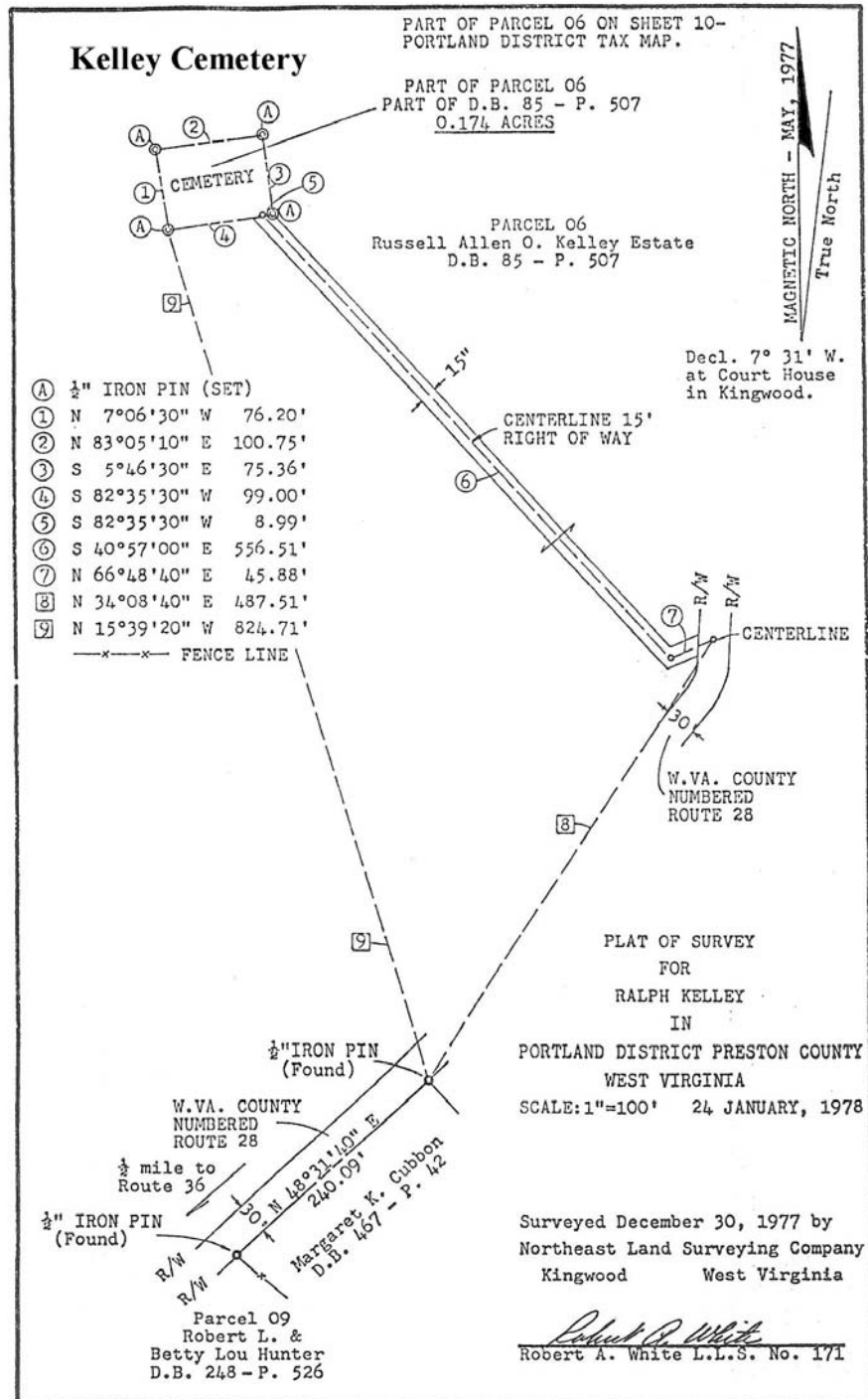
Proceed on Cranesville Rd to Afton Road (Rt 36) (approx 5-6 miles). Turn left.

Follow Afton Road (approx 2.5 miles) until it dead-ends into Orr-Tannery Road (Rt 28). Turn right.

Proceed a short distance (approx 1/2 mile) to curve in road with white farm house on right. Across from farm house turn left and follow the field lane up the hill to cemetery.

Who established the cemetery on Kelley Hill?

Speculation is that William T. Kelley started the cemetery as a burial plot following the deaths of some of his children. How did it pass to Russell Kelley? Possibly he received the property from his parents, Joseph M. A. Kelley and Malinda. That leaves the question, how did the property get from William T. Kelley to Joseph M. A. Kelley?



Coddington and Jamison Lines

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- - - - - CUDDINGTON / COVINGTON / CODDINGTON - - - - -

The Coddington family is of English origin. Other names and/or spellings found among Parish registers in Bletchingley, England include Cuddington, Quiddington, Quidyngton, and Quedington. Some later spellings are Coventin, Covington, and Corrington.

It is believed that most Coddingtons in North America are descendants of Stockdale Coddington who immigrated to New England in 1643, eventually settling at Roxbury, Massachusetts. He died in Hampton, New Hampshire in 1650.

The Feather line can be traced from the union of Benjamin Coddington and Annar Crane in 1782. However, it is not conclusive who Benjamin's parents were. It is believed by some that David Coddington, son of John Coddington IV was his father.

David Coddington was born November 7, 1727, in Woodbridge, Middlesex County, New Jersey and died sometime before August 24, 1787. He was a colonial officer prior to the Revolutionary War. October 11, 1750, in New Jersey, David married Ann Stone, daughter of William and Margaret Stone of Woodbridge.

Ann (Stone) Coddington was born March 11, 1733, and died March 3, 1807. In her will, Ann mentions only three children: James, Moses, and Elizabeth. However, in a letter said to have been written June 28, 1807, by Moses Coddington to his niece's husband, William Robeson, in response to an inquiry respecting her kindred and relatives, Moses makes mention of "seven sons and four daughters." Benjm is among those named.

Unfortunately, the whereabouts of the original letter is unknown. A circulating typewritten copy of the letter reads in part:

On the Death of my Father there were Eleven of us living, Seven Sons and four Daughters since when three have died, one Son and two Daughters. the names of those who are now living, (at least I have not heard of any of their deaths) are William, David, Benjm, Lucy, married to a John Jonas, Samuel, James, Moses, and Elizabeth, the youngest, married to a Mr. Caleb Brokaw near this place.

Some historical records of the Coddington family are on file at the Garrett County Historical Museum in Oakland, Maryland. The museum is located at 107 South 2nd Street, Oakland, MD.

Benjamin Coddington and Annar (Crane) Coddington

Benjamin CODDINGTON

B. 10 Nov 1759, Woodbridge, Middlesex Co, NJ

D. 19 Apr 1840, GCo, MD

Bur. Rich Hill Cem., Selbysport, GCo, MD

M(1). **Annar CRANE**, 13 Nov 1782

B. 10 Jun 1763, Passaic Valley, NJ

D. 20 Apr 1818

Fath. Joseph CRANE

Moth. Ruth MILLER

Children M(1):

1. William

B. 1784 D. 1861

M(1). Naomi ERWIN

M(2). Ann SMITH

M(3). Nancy PRICE

2. Ruth

B. 1 Nov 1785 D. 1 Dec 1865

M. Thomas JENIFER

3. Stephen

B. 1 Aug 1787 D. 18 Jul 1836

M. Sarah BARKER

4. David

B. 1788 D. 27 Jul 1875

M. Elizabeth FRAZEE

5. Ann

B. 13 Jul 1790 D. 1859

M. Joseph LITTLE

6. Robert

B. 21 Dec 1791 D. 31 Dec 1849

7. Elizabeth

B. 22 Mar 1793 D. 31 Dec 1849

M. Francis R. HEABENOR HEFFNER(?)

8. **Joseph**

B. 6 Dec 1794 D. Aft. 1860

M. **Maria OCLETREE** (OCHLETREE)

9. Mary

B. 16 Mar 1796 D. 13 May 1878

M. Thomas BROOK

10. James

B. 1798 D. 1876

M. Catherine FEAR

11. Jonathan

B. 3 Nov 1799 D. 11 Apr 1880

M. Rebecca FRANTZ

12. Samuel

B. 24 Sept 1801 D. 24 May 1802

13. Eleanor

B. 3 Feb 1803 D. 1 Aug 1874

M. John BROOK

14. Huldah

B. 27 Oct 1804 D. 30 Aug 1844

M. William FEAR

15. Benjamin

B. 14 Aug 1806 D. 12 Feb 1879

16. Annar ("Anne")

B. 1 Oct 1810 D. 1 Mar 1878

M. Dr. Henry KEMP

M(2). Isabella WHITROH, 24 Dec 1818

B. 1771 D. Aft. 1840

Benjamin Coddington was born November 10, 1759, in Woodbridge, Middlesex County, New Jersey. He was a Revolutionary War soldier and was wounded in an ankle during battle, crippling him for the remainder of his life.

In 1782 in New Jersey he married Annar Crane and in 1785 they moved to Allegany County, Maryland (the part which is now Garrett County) near the Youghiogheny River in the Selbysport area.

Several years later an enactment of the Maryland General Assembly granted the lands of Allegany County to officers and soldiers for military service and the area was surveyed and divided into military lots of 50 acres each. A few hundred early settlers already living on the lots were permitted by the Assembly to purchase their land. Benjamin is listed as a settler in the Deakins Survey 1788 for parcels 2789 and 2791. His brother William is also mentioned.

Benjamin died on his farm and was buried on Rich Hill beside his first wife Annar.

The stones in the left photograph below read as follows:

Left: In Memory of BENJAMIN CODDINGTON who departed this life 1840 at age of 80 ?? years 5 months & 9 days. (The word before years is not legible.)

Same Photo Right: In Memory of ANNAR CODDINGTON who departed this life 10 April ?? She was 54 years 10 months and 10 days old. (The last two numbers in the date have been blocked out. Annar Coddington died in 1818.)



Left: Benjamin Coddington. Right: Annar (Crane) Coddington. Rich Hill (or Coddington) Cemetery at Selbysport.



Benjamin's military stone.

Joseph CODDINGTON

B. 6 Dec 1794, Selbysport, GCo, MD

D. Aft. 1860

Fath. Benjamin CODDINGTON

Moth. Annar CRANE

M. **Maria OCLETREE** (OCHLETREE), 1820

B. 1800

Children:

1. Warren Montgomery

B. 15 Mar 1828

D. 8 Jan 1904, Oakland, GCo, MD

Bur. Oakland Cem., GCo, MD

2. Jonathan

B. 19 Aug 1830

M. Mary RYLAND, 19 Jan 1859, GCo, MD

D. 20 Mar 1905

3. **Thomas**

B. 6 Nov 1835 D. 2 Feb 1896

M(1). Ellen THOMPSON

M(2). **Cecelia Josephine JAMISON**

4. Mary E.

B. Abt. 1836

5. Isaac

B. Abt. 1838

6. Catherine

B. Abt. 1840

7. Henry

B. Abt. 1843, PA

Joseph Coddington was listed on the 1810 census record as a farmer in Selbysport, Allegany County, Maryland. The same information appeared every 10 years through the 1870 census. Other information on Joseph Coddington seems almost nonexistent.

A well documented genealogy source lists three children of Joseph and Maria Coddington--Edwin, William Alexander, and Matthew--born prior to the ones listed above. No dates are listed with them and they have not been confirmed locally.

Even less is known of Maria Ocletree (Ochletree) than about her husband. Information regarding her birth is conflicting. Some sources give her birth place and date as Pennsylvania in 1800. Others give her birth place as Delaware.

Thomas Coddington and Cecelia Josephine (Jamison) Coddington



*Thomas Coddington and
Cecelia Josephine (Jamison) Coddington.*

Thomas CODDINGTON

B. 6 Nov 1835, Selbysport, GCo, MD
D. 2 Feb 1896, Oakland, GCo, MD
Bur. Oakland Cem., GCo, MD
Fath. Joseph CODDINGTON
Moth. Maria OCLETREE (OCHELTREE)
M(1). Ellen THOMPSON,
Patch Grove, Grant Co, WI
D. Circa 1861, Patch Grove, Grant Co, WI
Par. John and Ann THOMPSON
Children M(1):

1. William H.
B. 1857, Patch Grove, WI
D. 17 Aug 1933, GCo, MD
M. Nannie V. PAXTON

M(2). **Cecelia Josephine JAMISON**, 11 Nov 1864
B. 13 Apr 1842 D. 14 Aug 1905*
Bur. Oakland Cem., GCo, MD
Fath. Richard Belt JAMISON
Moth. Rosella M. (last name unknown)
Children M(2):

2. Mary
B. 28 Mar 1869
D. 7 Apr 1939, Fairmont, Marion, WV
M. William DENT
3. Frances ("Frank")
B. 30 Oct 1870 D. 24 Mar 1907, GCo, MD
Bur. Oakland Cem., GCo, MD
M. Ilda BROWNING
4. **Alice Josephine**
B. 10 Feb 1873 D. 6 Sep 1962
M. **Orval Dayton FEATHER**
5. Lucy Olivia
B. 5 Feb 1875 D. 1960
Bur. Terra Alta Cem., PCo, WV
M. Benjamin Franklin BROWNING,
10 Apr 1901, Oakland, GCo, MD
6. Emma
B. 13 Jul 1876, GCo, MD D. 5 Apr 1956
Bur. Oakland Cem., GCo, MD
M. Abraham LAWTON, 17 Nov 1903,
Oakland, GCo, MD
B. 1873 D. 1943
7. Horace Leo
B. 11 Jan 1879 D. 18 May 1961
M. Dora BROWN, 31 Dec 1919,
Oakland, GCo, MD
B. 1881 D. 1963
8. Richard T. ("Dick")
B. 28 Dec 1880 D. 10 Apr 1946
Bur. Oakland Cem., GCo, MD
9. Rosella ("Rose")
B. 11 May 1882 D. 17 Mar 1956
M. Peter ENNIS

*This date (14 Aug 1905) was taken from the *Garrett Journal* newspaper published August 17, 1905, in Oakland, Maryland. It differs from the date on the grave stone.

Thomas Coddington's obituary found in the February 6, 1896 issue of *The Republican*, stated, "About the year 1853 he removed to Wisconsin and married a Miss Thompson. From this union one son was born, William, who resided at Piedmont, (Gorman) W.Va. After the death of his wife Mr. Coddington returned to Garrett county and was united in marriage to Miss Cecelia, daughter of the late Squire R. B. Jamison."

Along with his wife Ellen and his three year old son William, Thomas Coddington is listed as a farmer in the 1860 census of Patch Grove, Grant County, Wisconsin. After Ellen's death he returned with his son to Garrett County, Maryland around 1870. All census records show Thomas and his family, except for William, living in the Oakland area, but he had strong ties in Gorman.

Thomas Coddington was elected as the first sheriff of Garrett County, Maryland and began his term the last day in January of 1873. He could not succeed himself, but was re-elected to that office in 1877.

Both Thomas and Cecelia were involved in numerous land transfers. Some were probably related to his work, but many were not. Thomas owned property in Gorman, Garrett County, Maryland, and had plans to move to that area.

Following are two excerpts from *The Republican* newspaper.

Mar. 30, 1889 (Gorman) Mr. Thomas Coddington, of Oakland, was here a few days since. He proposes to locate here shortly, and will improve his property by building an addition to his house.

Nov. 21, 1890 (Gorman) Thomas Coddington, of Oakland spent a few days in town last week. We understand he is negotiating for the purchase of the Elkins House property (in Gorman) and contemplates removing his family to that thriving town.

The 1880 Census lists Thomas Coddington in District 7, Second Street (Oakland). His occupation was hotel keeper. Also listed in the household were his wife Cecelia, 6 children, a brother-in-law, Richard S. Jamison, a hostler, and a servant.

A local person, son of one of the early foresters there, said it seemed logical that Thomas Coddington could have been caretaker of the Manor. Supporting evidence is the fact that Thomas served as school trustee for Herrington School for at least three years, 1887-1890. The grandchildren of Alice (Coddington) Feather remember her speaking about having lived in the Herrington Manor House.

According to his obituary Thomas was buried in Shaffer's cemetery which was later abandoned. At that time, the "spirits" were moved to Oakland Cemetery where his marker is found today.



Herrington Manor House.



Thomas and Cecilia (Jamison) Coddington stone in Oakland Cemetery.

Coddington Family Pictures



*Thomas Coddington
(1835-1896)*



*Cecelia Josephine (Jamison)
Coddington (1842-1905)*



*Rose Coddington
(1882-1956)*



*Lucy Olivia Coddington
(1875-1960)*



*Mary Coddington (1869-1939)
and husband "Will" Dent*



*Emma Coddington
(1876-1956)*



*Alice Josephine Coddington
(1873-1962)*



*Horace Leo Coddington
(1879-1961)*



*Richard T. "Dick" Coddington
(1880-1946)*

Thomas Coddington Family Stones

Oakland Catholic Cemetery



The Brown plot. Horace and Dora (Brown) Coddington on left, Alice (Coddington) Feather on right.



Horace L. and Dora (Brown) Coddington.



Alice (Coddington) Feather.



Richard T. Coddington.



Abraham and Emma (Coddington) Lawton.

Terra Alta Cemetery

Preston County, West Virginia



Benjamin Franklin Browning, wife Lucy (Coddington) Browning and infant daughter Susan Cecelia Browning.

- - - - - **JAMESSON / JAMESON / JAMISON** - - - - -

The earliest recorded spelling of the family name may be that of William Jamesson, dated 1379, in the "Poll Tax Records of Yorkshire" England. Other spellings of the name included Jameson and Jamison.

Much of the following information on the Jamison family came from *Hoye's Pioneer Families of Garrett County*, McClain Publishing Company, 1988 reprint.

Robert Jameson (Jamison) II was born about 1749 in Frederick County, Maryland, and died before 1792. He and his wife Eleanor had the following 10 children: Benjamin, **Samuel P.**, John, Patrick, Susanna, Jane, Sarah, Martha(?), William, and Robert.

Samuel P. JAMISON

B. 27 Mar 1780, Frederick Co, MD
D. 23 Jun 1831, ACo, MD
Bur. St. Mary's Catholic Grave Yard,
Blooming Rose, GCo, MD
M. **Priscilla C. BELT**, 3 Nov 1807
B. 9 Dec 1789 D. 28 Mar 1836
Fath. Jeremiah BELT
Moth. Priscilla GANTT

*Children:

1. Priscilla Ann
B. 6 Sept 1808
2. **Richard Belt**
B. 10 Apr 1810 D. 10 Dec 1888
M. **Rosella M.** (last name unknown)
3. Jerimiah
B. 29 Jan 1812 D. 23 May 1897
4. Elinor
B. 11 Sep 1813

5. Tobias
B. 21 Mar 1815
6. Henry
B. 19 Aug 1817
7. Louisa
B. 22 Jul 1819
8. May Elizabeth
B. 16 Sept 1821
9. Edwin
B. 8 Oct 1823
10. Jane Frances
B. 22 Feb 1825
11. Samuel Ignatious
B. 26 Jul 1827
12. Josephine
B. 30 Sept 1829
13. Tobias
B. 6 Jun 1831

Also four infants, one of whom, Roger,
drowned in a well.

*Children's names are as listed in *Hoye's Pioneer Families of Garrett County*, compiled by Garrett County Historical Society.

Samuel P. Jamison moved from Frederick County, Maryland to Blooming Rose near Friendsville, Maryland before 1829. June 4, 1829, Daniel Murray of Anne Arundel County, Maryland, deeded to Samuel Jamison of Allegany County (later became Garrett County) for \$875, lot No. 6. The next year Murray deeded to Jamison 128 acres of lot No. 5. He constructed a brick house on one of the lots.

The Jamisons were tobacco growers. They grew good quality tobacco which thrived well on the virgin soil of Blooming Rose. In his will signed June 9, 1831, Samuel Jamison left his real estate to his wife, Priscilla, "during her single life." He also left \$50 for the building of the Church at Blooming Rose as well as \$100 to Rev. Marshall "for use as heretofore requested of him."

In 1836 the Court named A. Mudd and Richard B. Jamison to sell the property, and a year later they sold the real estate to Henry A. Jamison for \$35.

Richard Belt JAMISON

B. 10 Apr 1810 D. 10 Dec 1888

Fath. Samuel P. JAMISON

Moth. Priscilla C. BELT

M. **Rosella M.** (last name unknown),
4 Feb 1833

B. 11 Oct 1813 D. 13 Aug 1881

Children:

1. Edwin O.
B. 29 Nov 1833
2. Edmund
B. 4 Apr 1836
M(1). Katherine CODDINGTON
M(2). Frances JARBOE
3. Florence L.
B. 5 Feb 1840 D. 5 Nov 1920
M. John T. BROWNING
B. 1844 D. 1916

4. **Cecelia Josephine**

B. 13 Apr 1842 D. 14 Aug 1905

M. **Thomas CODDINGTON**

5. Francis S.

B. 11 Aug 1844

6. Richard S.

B. 10 Mar 1849 D. 6 Nov 1932

M. Arminta DROLLINGER, 31 Oct 1912

7. Mary R.

B. 10 Jun 1851

8. Charles Howard

B. 1 Sep 1854

M. Elizabeth BROWNING, 5 Feb 1883

9. Ella Priscilla

B. 3 Jun 1856 D. 3 Sep 1903

Richard Belt Jamison came to Blooming Rose with his father, Samuel. June 15, 1832, he paid Daniel Murray \$374.70, for lot No. 7, part of the "Resurvey on the Blooming Rose" tract which borders the Youghiogheny River at Friendsville. In 1868 Richard moved to Oakland, Maryland where he operated a liquor store. He was mayor of Oakland in 1898, and died there at about 78 years of age. He and his wife Rosella are buried in the Oakland Cemetery.

Ancestry of Priscilla C. BELT

(mother of Richard Belt Jamison)
with birth and death dates:

John BELT (1645-1698)

M. Elizabeth TYDINGS (1656-1737)

Joseph BELT (1680-1761)

M. Ester (or Hester) BEALL (1687-1726)

Tobias BELT (1720-1785)

M. Mary DUVALL

Jeremiah BELT (1750-1818)

M. Priscilla GANTT (1754-1795)

Priscilla C. BELT (1789-1836)

M. **Samuel P. JAMISON** (1780-1831)



Richard B. and Rosella M. Jamison stone in Oakland Cemetery.

Callis and Bullough Lines

References:

The Callis Family Records Including Bullough & Potter Families, Charles B. Callis, 1953

----- - **CALLIS** -----

Much of the Callis family information printed here is the legacy of Charles B. Callis, son of William and Caroline (Deal) Callis. After years of research and a trip to England, with the help of W. Ward Harvey who typed the manuscript, Charles published *The Callis Family Records Including Bullough & Potter Families* in 1953.

The first "Callis" of whom we have any knowledge as being progenitor of our particular branch of the Callis Family was one Thomas whose wife was named Hannah. The family lived in Kegworth, Leicestershire, England where Thomas followed the trade of frame weaver knitter.

Thomas CALLIS I

B. Bet. 1750 and 1760

M. **Hannah** (last name unknown)

Children:

1. **Thomas II**

B. 6 Jul 1791 D. Abt. 1875

M(1). **Sarah SIMPKINS**

M(2). Sarah BATES

2. Richard

3. William

D. Abt. 1862

4. Sarah

B. 1798, Kegworth, England

Bur. River View Cem., Trenton, NJ

5. Ann

B. Kegworth, England

Bur. River View Cem., Trenton, NJ

M. NORTH

Thomas CALLIS II

B. 6 Jul 1791, Kegworth, England

D. Abt. 1875

Fath. Thomas CALLIS I

Moth. Hannah (last name unknown)

M(1). **Sarah SIMPKINS**

Children M(1):

1. Thomas III

2. Richard

B. 19 Nov 1812 D. 21 Mar 1886

3. John

D. Abt. 1849, U. S.

4. William

B. 16 May 1818 D. 15 Feb 1892

M. Jane NORTH

5. **Edward**

B. 25 Jul 1820 D. 6 Sep 1903

M. **Hannah BULLOUGH**

6. Ann

B. 5 Dec 1822, Kegworth, England

D. 7 Oct 1868

7. Sarah

B. 9 Apr 1827, Kegworth, England

D. 1 Feb 1887

M. John MARRIOTT

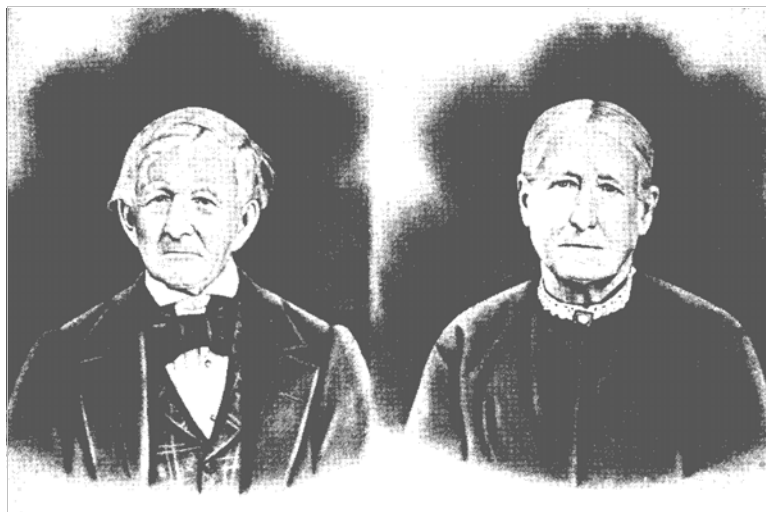
M(2). Sarah BATES

Children M(2):

8. Elizabeth (stepchild)

9. James Callis

Edward Callis and Hannah (Bullough) Callis



Edward CALLIS

B. 25 Jul 1820, Kegworth, Leicestershire, England
D. 6 Sep 1903

Bur. Hoyes Cem., GCo, MD

Fath. Thomas CALLIS II

Moth. Sarah SIMPKINS

M. Hannah BULLOUGH,

23 Nov 1844, Middlesborough, England

B. 27 Nov 1825, Woodlesford, Yorkshire, England

D. 9 Dec 1912

Bur. Hoyes Cem., GCo, MD

Fath. Thomas BULLOUGH

Moth. Mary MASON

Children:

1. Sarah Ann
B. 26 Aug 1845 D. 12 Jul 1846
2. Mary Jane
B. 2 Nov 1847 D. 13 May 1848
3. Jane Ann ("Jennie")
B. 25 Feb 1849 D. 30 Jan 1923

4. Thomas
B. 8 Feb 1851 D. 2 May 1924
5. Sarah Frances
B. 26 Mar 1853 D. 12 Sept 1856
6. Richard Edward
B. 31 Aug 1855 D. 19 Sept 1856
7. **William Henry** ("Bill")
B. 26 Aug 1857 D. 11 Nov 1933
M. **Caroline Jane DEAL**
8. Hannah Mary
B. 26 Mar 1860, Mt. Savage, ACo, MD
D. 6 Mar 1931
9. Ruth
B. 18 Sep 1862, Glade Farms, PCo, WV
D. 28 Dec 1932
10. John Edward Lincoln
B. 22 Jan 1865, Glade Farms, PCo, WV
D. 5 Nov 1934
11. Frank
B. 10 May 1868, Glade Farms, PCo, WV
D. 21 Mar 1956 Bur. Hoyes, GCo, MD

Edward Callis was born in Kegworth, England in 1820. With the advent of the "Industrial Revolution," the town of Middlesborough, England only one house in 1829, rapidly grew into a thriving city. To this area came locomotive works, machine shops, and many mills for iron manufacturing. Due to the coming of the railroads, steel was enormously in demand. It was during this era that Edward apprenticed, probably seven years, to become an iron ore "puddler."

Puddling involved a process of using iron hooks, which were constantly being dipped into cold water to prevent them from melting, to vigorously stir the mass of ore in the iron furnace. This process changed the ore to the state of "wrought iron" which was removed from the furnace, "squeezed" by a machine, and hammered manually into bars.

The pay for puddling was somewhat higher than for any other in iron manufacturing, but the profession was never overcrowded because of the skill which was required and the endurance of the intense heat. Charles Callis stated in his book, "This trade required more heavy lifting of blazing hot metal than did any other trade in the knowledge of man."

Because of the intense heat in which they worked, puddler's skin often became a very red, or ruddy color. Edward Callis, a very fair-skinned man, became permanently colored and was called "Red" by his worker friends, many of whom never knew him by any other name.

The Bullough family moved into thriving Middlesborough from the near vicinity of Leeds. After Hannah Bullough's mother died June 15, 1842, Hannah had the responsibility of managing the home and caring for her father and the other children of the family. She and Edward Callis began to enjoy each other's company and were married November 23, 1844.

Soon after their marriage (1845) Edward and Hannah took a train to Liverpool where they boarded a sailing vessel bound for New York. The trip probably lasted about four to six weeks after which they landed safely at New York. (Ellis Island was not yet in operation.)

Travel on the sea at that time was a severe hardship, even at its best. Immigrants were obliged to carry necessary provisions with them as this was before the days of canned foods and refrigerators. Only foods that would not spoil could be carried, such as meal, bacon, potatoes, beans, and possibly some dried fruit. Meals were prepared by each family with the facilities provided on the ship which consisted of a fire place and a supply of water.

Each family had to guard its belongings very carefully as robbery was common, and to have one's provisions stolen was the most severe hardship. Many persons started out with insufficient provisions and were soon forced to beg or steal, so it was always a constant drain on the supply of each family as they tried to share with the ones who had depleted their supply or had been robbed. At that time both on shipboard and everywhere, it was necessary for each man to be his own policeman. Nearly every person carried a weapon of some sort.

For fifteen years after arriving in the new country, Edward followed his trade as "puddler." The iron industry in the United States was carried on with many small plants scattered over the eastern part of the country, none of which were very profitably operated.

Furnaces for smelting were in vicinities easily accessible to ore and coal, but the mills for puddling, rolling, and finishing the products were often quite distant from the furnaces, usually at some source of water power which was necessary for driving the machinery. This caused place of employment and families to move often.

The places Edward and Hannah lived during their first fifteen years in America included New York City; Trenton and Elizabeth, New Jersey; Pottstown and Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; and Baltimore and Mt. Savage, Maryland.

Around 1855 Edward and Hannah Callis moved to Mt. Savage which was their home for about five years. Conditions and employment were much better at Mt. Savage than Edward had experienced previously. He followed his trade and for the most part was "boss puddler," or foreman of puddlers.

In Mt. Savage they lived in one of the houses on the south side of the road near the west end of what is known as "Old Foundry Row." Here they spent the most enjoyable part of their lives and also some of the most sorrowful as they had the misfortune of losing two of their children within one week (Sarah, age three, and Richard Edward, age one) during an epidemic of scarlet fever. The children are buried side by side in a Methodist cemetery at Mt. Savage. Two children, William Henry and Mary Hannah, were born at Mt. Savage.

October 7, 1857, Edward and Hannah Callis became naturalized citizens of the United States. Leaving the “old country” had been a tearful occasion. Some of Edward’s brothers and sisters were already in America, but for Hannah the decision had meant that they would probably never have the opportunity to see her loved ones again.

One day, while living in Mt. Savage, a delivery man mentioned to Hannah that a family of Potters had come from England and were living in the neighborhood. Imagine Hannah’s surprise when Mrs. Potter turned out to be Hannah’s younger sister, Sarah Ann, who had married Joseph Richard Potter. Hannah had not known of the marriage because they had not been in touch for years. Hannah and Sarah Ann were the only two of the Bullough family who ever came to America.

The Potters eventually moved to Johnstown, Pennsylvania. They and their daughter, Nora Grace, lost their lives May 31, 1889, in the great Johnstown flood.

Three of Edward Callis’s family came to the United States to live; namely, sister Ann who died in the fall of 1868, sister Sarah (Callis) Marriott who arrived in 1873 with her children, and a brother. All settled around Trenton, New Jersey, where the sisters are buried in the River View Cemetery.

In the spring of 1860 Edward and Hannah purchased a farm known as the “Yoder Farm” located about 40 miles west of Mt. Savage in the area of Glade Farms, West Virginia (then Virginia) for \$900. They paid \$90 for a horse and with no previous experience began the process of gardening, growing fruit trees, clearing land, acquiring chickens and other animals, and experiencing the hard life of farmers. They cleared woodland and fenced fields with wooden rails. They dug drainage ditches and picked stones from the fields and used them in the construction of stone fences. They hauled surplus products of the farm by team and wagon to the nearest markets, Mt. Savage and Frostburg, Maryland, which were about forty miles away. A trip to the market usually required three days. They returned home with necessary supplies which could not be produced on the farm.

In the year 1873 Edward Callis sold his farm and bought a farm two miles from Hoyes, Maryland, where his son William had established a blacksmith business. Here Edward and Hannah engaged in farming for 25 years more. About the year 1899 they sold the farm and equipment to their son Frank but continued to reside there until Edward’s death in 1903, after which Hannah discontinued keeping house and lived at the homes of her children.

Edward and Hannah (Bullough) Callis as well as their son William and his wife Caroline (Deal) Callis are buried in the Hoyes Cemetery. The stone for Edward and Hannah, difficult to read, was apparently one of the earliest burials in the cemetery.



Stone for Edward and Hannah (Bullough) Callis.



Stone for William and Caroline (Deal) Callis.

William Henry Callis and Caroline Jane (Deal) Callis



William and Caroline (Deal) Callis, 1930.

William Henry CALLIS

B. 26 Aug 1857, Mount Savage, ACo, MD
D. 11 Nov 1933
Bur. Hoyes Methodist Cem., GCo, MD
Fath. Edward CALLIS
Moth. Hannah BULLOUGH
M. **Caroline Jane DEAL**, 13 Nov 1881
B. 28 Nov 1858 D. 1 Jun 1947
Bur. Hoyes Methodist Cem., GCo, MD
Fath. Andrew Jackson DEAL
Moth. Rhoda FRANKHOUSER

***Children:**

1. Blanche
B. 13 Jan 1882
D. 25 Jun 1972, St. Marys, WV
Bur. I.O.O.F. Cem., St. Marys, WV
M. Milton Raeburn WHITE, 1 Nov 1911
B. 8 Jul 1882, Hebron, Pleasants Co, WV
2. Charles B.
B. 19 Nov 1883
D. 25 Jun 1958, Cumberland, ACo, MD
Bur. Hillcrest Burial Park,
Cumberland, ACo, MD
M. Bessie Ellen HORCHLER, 19 Jun 1912
B. 17 Feb 1888 D. 13 May 1965
Bur. Hillcrest Burial Park,
Cumberland, ACo, MD
3. Dessa
B. 22 Aug 1885 D. 9 Feb 1987
Bur. Mt. Carmel Cem., Aurora, PCo, WV
M. Calvin Guy HARVEY, 26 Aug 1908, Hoyes
B. 16 Sep 1885 D. 9 Jul 1961
Bur. Mt. Carmel Cem., Aurora, PCo, WV
4. Burton Edward
B. 25 Sep 1892 D. 25 Feb 1957
Bur. Bessemer City Cem., NC
M. Alice Ann CARTWRIGHT, 25 Dec 1921
B. 24 Sep 1893 D. 27 Jan 1988
Bur. Bessemer City Cem., NC
5. Lula
B. 11 Jul 1894 D. 15 Apr 1960
Bur. LaFayette Mem. Park, Brier Hill, PA
M. Harry SCHLOSSNAGLE, 1921
B. 5 Sep 1896 D. 13 Jul 1968
Bur. LaFayette Mem. Park, Brier Hill, PA
6. **Mary**
B. 29 Mar 1897 D. 28 Sept 1985
M. **Frank Jennings FEATHER**

*All the children of William and Caroline Callis were born at Hoyes, GCo, Maryland.

William Henry Callis ("Bill") was born at Mt. Savage, Maryland, in 1857, but about 1860 the family moved to Glade Farms, Preston County, West Virginia where he spent the rest of his boyhood and early manhood.

Bill Callis married Caroline Jane Deal in 1881. The original house of Bill and Caroline was located on their farm on Sang Run Road near Garrett County Route 219. It was across the road and not far from the Hoyes Church. At that time the name of the community was Johnstown. (It became Hoyes in 1903.) After retiring from the blacksmith trade Bill built a home on a farm he owned adjacent to his home and shop.

Bill Callis was much devoted to religious work, and he started and supervised several Sunday Schools. Mr. Callis was a great Bible reader. He was a licensed Exhorter (preacher) of the Methodist Episcopal Church. One of many such items appeared in *The Republican* newspaper, February 25, 1909. "Wm. Callis and wife went to Sang Run last Sunday afternoon when Mr. Callis conducted preaching services in the absence of Rev. H. E. Friend."

For twenty years he was associated with W. A. Smith in the mercantile business under the trade name of Smith & Callis.

A newspaper account indicates that in 1909 he was an agent for Hooper Weyman & Co., of Rochester, New York. It stated that "William Callis is out hustling this fine weather making numerous sales of fruit trees for them both in Maryland and West Virginia." (*The Republican*, Jan. 28, 1909)

Ward Harvey spent time with his grandparents and wrote, "he (Bill Callis) could build a wagon from the ground up," and his obituary stated,

His ancestors for generations had been ironworkers, so in his twentieth year he could not resist the desire to hear the clang of metal and decided to learn blacksmithing. He went to Hazelton, West Virginia and apprenticed himself for three years to Levi P. Miller, a widely known smith, and under his instructions he became highly skilled in his trade. In the year of 1880 he established himself in the blacksmithing business at Hoyes, Maryland, which business was successfully carried on for thirty years.

His obituary also stated that "the remainder of his life he engaged in farming on what has been known as the Ferguson farm being actively engaged until very shortly before his death."

Caroline Jane Deal ("Lina"), daughter of Andrew and Rhoda Deal, was 75 years old when her husband died. After Bill's death all of their possessions were sold and Caroline lived with her children over the next 14 years, alternating among them. Winter months were spent with daughter Dessa Harvey and in the summer she stayed with daughter Mary Feather or her other children.



William ("Bill") Callis Family circa 1898. Back row: Blanche, Charles, Dessa. Front row: Lula; William, holding Mary; Caroline, Burton.



Thought to be original house of Bill and Caroline Callis.



Callis house on the Hoyes-Sang Run Road prior to 1914.



Callis house built in 1914. Removed around 1950 to make room for U. S. Route 219.



Store in Hoyes, MD, owned by Bill Smith and Bill Callis.

----- **BULLOUGH** -----

Benjamin BULLOUGH

B. Knottingby, Yorkshire, England

M. **Ann HEIGH**,

Bet. 1750-1760, Rothwell, Yorkshire, England

*Children:

1. William
2. John Thomas
D. 17 Feb 1853

3. **Thomas**

B. 26 Aug 1798 D. 3 Apr 1858

M. **Mary MASON**

4. Benjamin
5. Elizabeth
M. SNOWDEN
6. Jane
M. THOMPSON
7. Ann
M. BEDFORD

Thomas BULLOUGH

B. 26 Aug 1798 D. 3 Apr 1858

Fath. Benjamin BULLOUGH

Moth. Ann HEIGH

M. **Mary MASON**, 1825

B. 6 Jul 1805 D. 15 Jun 1842

Fath. John MASON

*Children:

1. **Hannah**
B. 27 Nov 1825 D. 9 Dec 1912
M. **Edward CALLIS**
2. Benjamin
B. 12 Mar 1828 D. 21 Jun 1904

3. Sarah Ann
B. 2 Feb 1830 D. 31 May 1889
4. John
B. 1832 D. 1 Aug 1878
5. **Elizabeth
D. 27 Mar 1834 Infancy
6. **Eliza
D. 27 Mar 1834 Infancy
7. Jane
B. 29 Aug 1836 D. 1913
8. Mary Elizabeth
B. 27 Dec 1839 D. Infancy
9. Mary
B. 3 Apr 1841 D. Infancy

*All the children in this family were born at Woodlesford, England.

**Note: Elizabeth and Eliza (numbers 5 and 6 named above) may have been the same child.

Deal and Frankhouser

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----- **THIEL / DIEHL / DEAHL / DEAL** -----

Helfrick Thiel/Henry DEAHL, Sr.

B. Bef. 1755 D. 20 Apr 1849

Bur. Shade Township, Somerset Co, PA

M. **Barbara NAGLE LOHR**,

28 Dec 1788, Berlin, Somerset Co, PA

Children:

*1. **Henry, Jr.**

B. 1791 D. 1868

M(1). **Elizabeth SELL**

M(2). Susan MARKLEY SICKLE

2. Barbara

B. 22 Jun 1796, Toronto, Canada

M. John SELL, 1812, Canada

B. 23 Dec 1794, Somerset Co, PA

3. Simon

B. 1797

Helfrick Thiel (Henry Deahl, Sr.), accompanied by two brothers, Simon and Jacob, came from Germany in 1776 and settled in New York state. The English translation of Helfrick Thiel was Henry Diehl. The Diehl name evolved into Deahl. Some of the younger generations adopted the new spelling of Deal, while the older generation continued using Deahl.

On December 28, 1788, in a service performed by Rev. Spandenberg in the Berlin Reformed Church, Berlin, Pennsylvania, Helfrick Thiel (Diehl) married his neighbor Barbara (Nagle) Lohr. Barbara (Nagle) Lohr was the widow of George Lohr and she brought five children into the marriage.

The following day Rev. Spandenberg baptized the four boys. (The older girl was baptized in Lancaster.) Helfrick apparently took the Lohr children into his household because the 1790 census lists him as being over 16 with five males under 16 and three females in the house in Bedford County.

Henry, Sr. and Barbara, had two sons and a daughter: Henry Jr., Barbara, and Simon. Simon Deahl married and moved to Canada in 1843 where he died without children.

Court records show that Henry, Sr. owned one hundred and ten acres of land in Shade Township, Pennsylvania at the time of his death. An inquest showed that the land could not be fairly divided among the three heirs and thus a cash settlement was made. John Sell, the husband of Henry's daughter Barbara, was the administrator.

*No proof has been found that Henry Deahl, Jr., son of Helfrick Thiel is the same Henry Deahl who married Elizabeth Sell, but most sources seem to agree that they are the same.

Henry DEAHL, Jr.

B. 1791, New York State

D. 1868, Barbour Co, WV

Bur. Shallow Cove, Barbour Co, WV

Fath. Henry DEAHL, Sr.

Moth. Barbara NAGLE LOHR

M(1). **Elizabeth SELL**, 1812

B. 24 Nov 1795, Friedens, Somerset Co, PA

D. 1837 Bur. Layton Cem., Chestnut Ave,
near Hazelton, WV

Fath. John SELL

Moth. Susanna HELMAN

Children M(1):

1. Simon

B. 28 Oct 1814 D. 3 Jun 1876

M. Katharine SLIEGER

2. Jacob

B. 1816

M. Sarah BURKE

3. John

B. Abt. 1817 D. Abt. 1860

M. Margaret RUSH

4. Barbara

B. 1823 D. 1905

M. Peter McGINNIS

5. Henry

B. 15 Oct 1824 D. 7 Jun 1909

6. Susan

B. 1825 D. 1905

M. John KELLEY

7. Sarah

B. 1926

M. Loughrie CLARKE

8. George Washington

B. 19 Feb 1827

M. Sarah ARMSTRONG

9. **Andrew Jackson** ("Jack" or "A. J.")

B. 10 Dec 1832 D. 1 Jan 1916

M. **Rhoda FRANKHOUSER**

10. Ann

B. 1836

11. Mary

B. 1840 D. 1876

M. John FLANNAGAN

M(2). Susan MARKLEY SICKLE, 12 Jun 1842

B. Abt. 1792 D. 1879

Bur. Humberson Cem., MD

Henry Deahl, Jr. was born in 1791. Shortly after his marriage to Elizabeth Sell in Berlin, Somerset County, Pennsylvania, they moved to Stoystown, Pennsylvania, where part of their family was born. Sources vary on when they moved to Chestnut Avenue, near Hazelton, Preston County, West Virginia, but it was in the late 1920s or the early 1930s.

Henry and Elizabeth had 13 children. Two died in infancy and are buried in Layton Cemetery, near Chestnut Avenue near Hazelton.

Elizabeth Deahl died in 1837. June 12, 1842 Henry Deahl, Jr. married Susan (Markley) Sickle. Susan was the widow of a VanSickle. Henry and Susan Deahl moved to Barbour County, West Virginia where they lived until Henry died in 1868. Henry was buried there. His widow returned to Preston County, West Virginia and made her home with her step-son Jack Deahl (Deal) and his wife Rhoda until her death in 1879. Susan was buried in Humberson Cemetery, Maryland.

Elizabeth Sell was the daughter of John Sell and Susanna Helman.

Elizabeth's father was born December 12, 1749, in Frederick County, Maryland. After serving several years in the Revolutionary Army, John Sell lived at Stoystown, Somerset County, Pennsylvania for about 42 years before moving to Indiana County, Pennsylvania, where he died May 8, 1837. His wife had died eight or ten years earlier. Six living children survived him: Magdalene who married Moses Miller, Susan who married George Peterman, a son John Sell, Anna who married George Hernon, Barbara who married Adam Reiffer, and Elizabeth who married Henry Deahl, Jr.

Andrew Jackson Deal and Rhoda (Frankhouser) Deal



Andrew Jackson DEAL

B. 10 Dec 1832 D. 1 Jan 1916

Bur. Deal Homestead Cem., Hazelton, PCo, WV

Fath. Henry DE AHL, Jr.

Moth. Elizabeth SELL

M. **Rhoda FRANKHOUSER**, 12 Jul 1857

B. 25 May 1837, PCo, WV

D. 19 Feb 1927

Bur. Deal Homestead Cem., Hazelton, PCo, WV

Fath. Daniel FRANKHOUSER

Moth. Elizabeth MOYERS

Children:

1. Virginia A.
B. 6 Sep 1857 D. 14 Sep 1939
M. J. Samuel TEETS
2. **Caroline Jane** ("Lina")
B. 28 Nov 1858 D. 1 Jun 1947
M. **William Henry CALLIS**
3. Amy Anne
B. 22 Oct 1860 D. 2 Jan 1931
M. James WHOLLERY

4. Malinda
B. 11 Feb 1862 D. 5 Mar 1862
5. Jesse Franklin
B. 18 Aug 1863 D. 1 Jan 1939
M. Dorothy FISHER
6. Ella
B. 10 Jan 1866 D. 25 Nov 1953
M. Allen BROWN
7. Mary E.
B. 4 Feb 1868 D. 28 Oct 1953
8. Laura May
B. 7 Nov 1869 D. 1 Sep 1957
M. Lucian FRANKHOUSER
9. John M.
B. 12 Sep 1873 D. 26 Nov 1938
M. Margaret RUSH
10. Agatha ("Gatha")
B. 17 Jul 1876 D. 17 Sep 1935
M. Thomas GLISON

Andrew Jackson DE AHL/DEAL, ("Jack" or "A. J."), was raised by John Moyers who was a brother of Elizabeth (Moyers) Frankhouser. On July 12 1857, Jack married Rhoda Frankhouser, the daughter of Elizabeth (Moyers) and Daniel Frankhouser. Jack was a farmer. He served with Captain Hamilton P. Crawford's Co. of the Preston Co. 104th & 24th militia West Virginia State Troops, Co. D. He was mustered August 5, 1864, at Portland, West Virginia. Sometime around 1915, Jack Deal was in a car accident which probably contributed to his death. According to an obituary in the *Uniontown Daily News*, A. J. Deal lived in the same home for 77 years.

Ward Harvey was the oldest of the great grandchildren of Jack and Rhoda Deal. Ward recorded some of the incidents he remembered and some he had been told.

Sometime during 1910 my parents (Guy and Dessa Harvey) moved there (Hazelton) and my father ran the Deal farm on the “shears” (shares) for two years. They moved from Hazelton to Hoyes in 1912.

Great-grandfather Deal once dropped some chewing tobacco on the floor and I picked it up and ate it. They thought I was going to die. I have never used tobacco since.

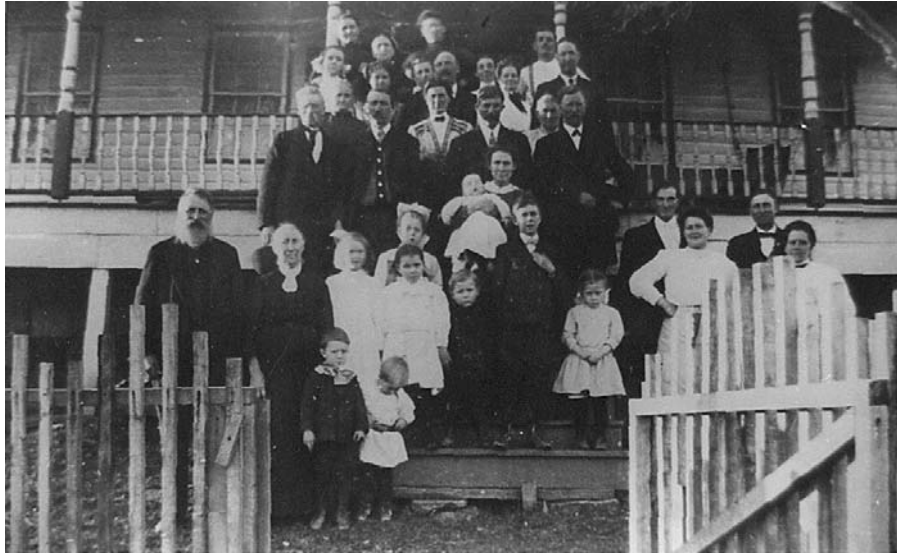
Great-grandmother Deal smoked a corn-cob pipe which she would lose from time to time. She would declare that “dod rotted kid” had it. I was the kid and they usually found the pipe upside down in her mouth.



The Deal Homestead, Hazelton, WV.



Jack and Rhoda Deal.



A. J. Deal's 80th Birthday Celebration.

The birthday picture above is taken at the back of the Deal house. Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Deal are in the front row on the left. Others across the front row, left to right, somewhat in order are as follows: Ward and Ross Harvey (sons of Guy and Dessa), Goldie Glisan, Lela Deal, Edna Moyers, Loyd Deal, Robert Glisan, Faye Moyers, Guy and Dessa (Callis) Harvey, John and Bertha Deal, Tom and Gatha (Deal) Glisan, William and Caroline "Lina" (Deal) Callis. Others: Lucian and Laura (Deal) Frankhouser, Sam and Jennie (Deal) Teets, Bessie Glisan, Frank and Jane Glover, Clay and Hannah Glover, Mary Deal, Harett Umbel, Tina Moyers, and Jim Knox (hired hand).



Left to right: A. J. Deal, Dessa and Guy Harvey, Caroline Callis holding Ward Harvey, William Callis and Rhoda Deal.

Guy and Dessa Harvey were living with the Deals at the time the picture was taken. Guy and Dessa's son Ross was born there.

----- FUNKHOUSER / FRANKHOUSER -----

The name Frankhouser is German and the original spelling was Funkhouser. Frankhousers by trade are mostly farmers.

Peter FRANKHOUSER

B. 7 Mar 1624, Trub, Canton, Bern, Switzerland

M. **Christina SCHWANDER**, 8 May 1663

B. 1628, Canton, Bern, Switzerland

Children:

1. Uli
B. 18 Jul 1664, Trub, Canton,
Bern, Switzerland

Christian FRANKHOUSER

B. 5 Dec 1668, Vechingen, Canton,
Bern, Switzerland

D. 11 Nov 1736, Nehwiller, Alsace, France

Fath. Peter FRANKHOUSER

Moth. Christina SCHWANDER

M. **Fronica RAUSCHER**, Abt. 1701

B. Abt. 1678, Nehwiller, Alsace, France

Children:

1. Christian
B. 12 Aug 1703

Hans Peter FRANKHOUSER

B. 25 Jan 1714, Nehwiller, Alsace, France

D. 20 Jul 1784, Brecknock Twp, Lancaster, PA

Fath. Christian FRANKHOUSER

Moth. Fronica RAUSCHER

M. **Eva SICHLER**, 3 Jan 1739,

Nehwiller, Alsace, France

B. 17 Apr 1721, Liniehausen, Alsace, France

D. Feb 1804, Lancaster Co, PA

Fath. Hans Martin SICHLER

Moth. Veronicka (last name unknown)

Children:

1. Johann Jacob
B. 3 Feb 1740, Liniehausen, Alsace, France
2. John Peter
B. 2 Nov 1744, Lancaster Co, PA
M. Anna Barbara HERSHEY
3. Christian
B. 8 Aug 1746, Muddy Creek,
E. Cocalica Twp, Lancaster Co, PA
M. Maria Margaretha FREY

2. **Christian**

B. 5 Dec 1668 D. 11 Nov, 1736

M. **Fronica RAUSCHER**

3. Wilhelm

B. 18 Jan 1675

2. Johann ("Jacob")

B. 30 Nov 1705

3. Hans Michael

B. 9 Oct 1709

D. 26 Nov 1799, Lancaster Co, PA

M. Anna KREBS, 2 Dec 1734

4. **Hans Peter**

B. 25 Jan 1714 D. 20 Jul 1784

M. **Eva SICHLER**

5. Anna Marie

B. 23 Dec 1720

4. Eva Margaret

B. 13 May 1748, Muddy Creek,

E. Cocalica Twp, Lancaster Co, PA

M. Conrad POPE

5. Elizabeth

B. 1755, Muddy Creek,

E. Cocalica Twp, Lancaster Co, PA

6. Susanna

B. 2 Jul 1758, Muddy Creek,

E. Cocalica Twp, Lancaster Co, PA

M. Henry HARTMAN, 17 Nov 1778,
Lancaster Co, PA

7. Hanna

B. 26 Dec 1759, E. Cocalico Twp,
Lancaster Co, PA

8. **Nicholas**

B. 5 May 1765 D. 29 Jan 1852

M. **Suzanna Catherine BREIDENSTEIN/
BRADSTONE**

Nicholas FRANKHOUSER

B. 5 May 1765, Lancaster Co, PA

D. 29 Jan 1852, PCo, WV

Bur. Old Brick Church Cem.,

Brandonville, PCo, WV

Fath. Hans Peter FRANKHOUSER

Moth. Eva SICHLER

M. **Suzanna Catherine BREIDENSTEIN/**

BRADSTONE, 4 Mar 1787, PA

B. 1768 D. 20 Mar 1853

Children:

1. Mary
B. Abt. 1788
M. Daniel HARADER
2. Anna Marie
B. 9 Jun 1790, Lancaster, PA
M. Peter SUMMERS(?)
3. **Daniel**
B. 28 Nov 1791 D. 22 Jan 1873
M. **Elizabeth MOYERS**
4. Jacob
B. Abt. 1796
M. Susan RINGER

5. ***Peter**

B. 10 Jan 1800 D. 3 Mar 1893

Bur. Old Brick Church Cem.,

Brandonville, PCo, WV

M. Catherine MOYERS

B. 23 Nov 1801 D. 25 Nov 1878

6. Elizabeth

B. 1804 D. 1883

M. John GROSS

7. David

B. 25 Sep 1805 D. 10 Jan 1898

Bur. Shady Grove Cem., PCo, WV,

(near Brandonville)

M. Ruth WILLET

8. Joseph

B. 4 May 1809, PA D. 27 Oct 1867

Bur. Old Brick Church Cem.,

Brandonville, PCo, WV

M. Sarah CUPPETT, Sep 1833

D. 10 Feb 1885

9. Susan

M. John MOSSER

10. Henry

Nicholas Frankhouser came to Preston County, West Virginia from Boonsboro, Maryland, and settled about three miles southeast of Brandonville. He was Lutheran and helped to build a church and a school. Many of his neighbors were Quakers of English descent, and they called him "Funkhouser."

*Frankhouser brothers Daniel and Peter married the Moyers sisters Elizabeth and Catherine.

Daniel FRANKHOUSER

B. 28 Nov 1791, Lancaster Co, PA

D. 22 Jan 1873, PCo, WV

Fath. Nicholas FRANKHOUSER

Moth. Suzanna Catherine BREIDENSTEIN/
BRADSTONE

M. Elizabeth MOYERS

B. 14 Feb 1791 D. 25 Nov 1876

Fath. John MOYERS

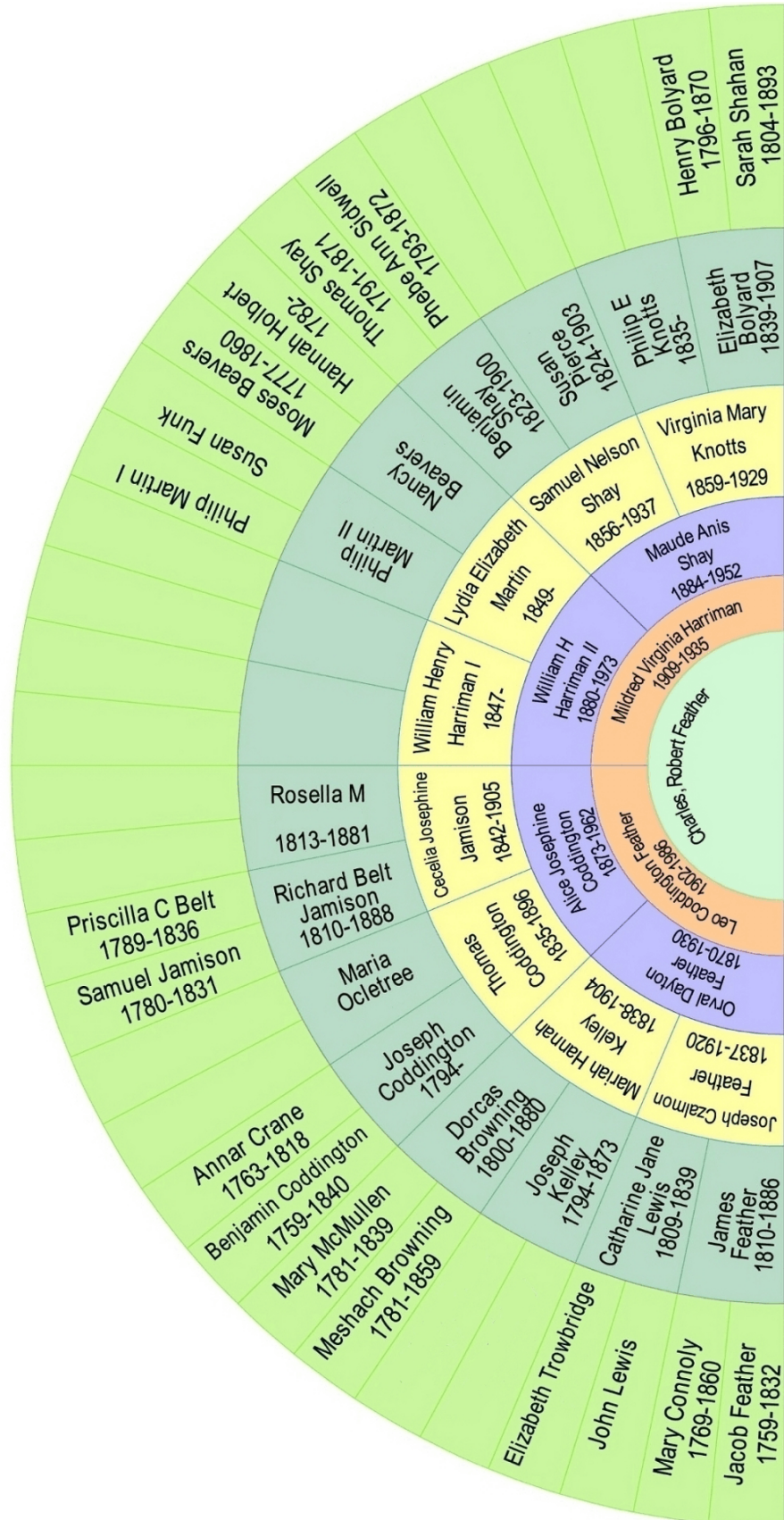
Moth. Barbara FIKE

Children:

1. Mary
B. 1813 D. 23 Oct 1893
2. Peter
B. 31 Dec 1819 D. 11 Jun 1867
M. Mary Ann GLOVER, 6 Feb 1848
B. 15 Jul 1827 D. 11 Apr 1917
3. Israel
B. 15 Jan 1822 D. 17 Sep 1831
M. Elizabeth Ann GUTHRIE, 1857
4. Jacob
B. 1824
M. Elizabeth DeBERRY
5. Susan
B. Abt. 1828
M. William INKS
B. Abt. 1825

6. Lucinda
B. 22 Feb 1830 D. 19 Jan 1874
M. Jacob WOLFE
B. 16 May 1828 D. 17 Nov 1906
7. Catherine
B. 1832
M. Samuel GLOVER
B. 1827
8. Jonas
B. 20 Sep 1833 D. 3 Feb 1920
M. Ruth GUTHRIE
B. 22 May 1838 D. 12 Jun 1933
9. **Rhoda**
B. 25 May 1837 D. 19 Feb 1927
M. **Andrew Jackson DEAL**
10. Sarah
B. 1838
M. Ami GLOVER
B. 1 Jan 1840 D. 22 Apr 1921
11. Daniel
B. 15 Jan 1843 D. 31 Mar 1929
M. Amy GUTHRIE
B. 1840 D. 1917

Leo and Mildred (Harriman) Feather Line



Leo Coddington Feather



Leo Coddington FEATHER

B. 12 Sep 1902, Cranesville, PCo, WV
D. 29 Dec 1986, PCo, WV
Bur. Terra Alta Cem., PCo, WV
Fath. Orval Dayton FEATHER
Moth. Alice Josephine CODDINGTON
M(1). **Mildred Virginia HARRIMAN**,
25 Oct 1929, Oakland, GCo, MD
B. 22 Mar 1909 D. 10 May 1935
Bur. Terra Alta Cem., PCo, WV
Fath. William Henry HARRIMAN II
Moth. Maude Anis SHAY

Mildred Virginia (Harriman) Feather



Children M(1):

1. **Charles Rodger**

B. 23 Jul 1933
Phyllis Elaine BOLYARD

2. **Robert Wayne**

B. 7 Apr 1935 D. 12 Apr 2010

M(2). Lillian Magdalene HECK ADAMS, 1 Jul 1939

B. 1909 D. 1986

Fath. Frances Patrick HECK

Moth. Anna Elizabeth SHAFFER

Leo Coddington Feather grew up on the farm along with his brother Frank and attended the one-room school at Cranesville, West Virginia.

Because he was flatfooted, he obtained the nickname “Paddle Foot” or sometimes “Smack.” The nicknames were used by some of his boyhood friends throughout his adult life.

In 1929 Leo Feather and Mildred Virginia Harriman were quietly married in St. Peter’s Catholic Church with Rev. Fr. William J. McVeigh officiating. The couple made their home in Kingwood, West Virginia.

Leo held a position with the Monongahela West Penn Power Company. At that time there was no modern equipment as we have today. The only way to correct a problem was to climb the pole and make the fix. And that he did. Wearing climbing hooks on his feet, he went to the top of the pole where he secured himself with a safety belt. His small build was an asset and he apparently felt comfortable doing this. His ability was praised highly by those who worked with him, and it has been said that if he had stayed with the job he could have “reached the top.” But that was not to be.

The unexpected loss of his wife Mildred who died after a brief illness in 1935 left Leo with two small sons to rear – Charles, one year and ten months old, and Robert, five weeks old. His mother, Alice, who was employed in Pittsburgh, came to live with him and help maintain a home for the family. They moved to Oakland, Maryland, where he continued working for West Penn Power

Company. There Leo met and married Lillian (Heck) Adams, a telephone operator from Kitzmiller, Maryland. Lillian was listed on the 1920 Cumberland, Maryland, census as the 11 year old daughter of Frank P. and Annie Heck. The marriage lasted only briefly.

Leo lost his job with the West Penn Power Company and took a job with Greer Light and Power Company in Masontown, West Virginia. He moved his mother and sons to Masontown where they remained for a few years until he was again laid off.

Their next move was to Terra Alta, West Virginia, where the Harrimans, the maternal grandparents of the boys, lived and could share the responsibility of the young teens. While in Terra Alta, Leo's mother became ill and the family was not able to maintain the home. By the early 1950s Leo had sold his household goods and the boys were on their own living sometimes at the Feather farm at Cranesville with their Uncle Frank and Aunt Mary and sometimes at the home of their Harriman grandparents in Terra Alta.

Leo liked children and he was loved by the Feather nieces and nephew. He usually came with candy or some kind of "goodies." Jane, Alice, and Tom fondly recall his driving in with a "new" (second hand) rumble seat car. All piled in and joyously went for a ride. Wherever he went, the children would ask "Where are you going?" (They wanted to go along.) When he didn't want his destination known he would always answer "to Pisgah." Never having heard of the community, the kids thought that was a very funny made-up name.

In the early 1960s Leo joined his son Robert in Alexandria, Virginia, where Leo did maintenance work for George Mason Hotel. At one point he was hospitalized in Virginia for tuberculosis. He recovered, but shortly after fell and broke his hip. He spent the rest of his life in Terra Alta under the care of his son and daughter-in-law, Charles and Phyllis. Leo died in Hopemont Hospital at 84 years old. He was buried in the Terra Alta Cemetery beside his wife Mildred in the Harriman family plot.



Leo Feather and his mother Alice.



Robert and Charles Feather standing, Alice and Leo sitting.



Leo Feather.



Leo and Frank Feather.



Leo Feather.



Leo C. Feather stone. Terra Alta Cemetery.

Mildred Virginia Harriman, the daughter of William H. and Maude (Shay) Harriman II, was born March 22, 1909, at Terra Alta, West Virginia. She graduated from Terra Alta High School in 1927 and attended West Virginia Business College at Clarksburg the following year, graduating in the summer of 1928.

October 25, 1929, she married Leo. At the time of her marriage she was employed by the Terra Alta Bottling Company.

Mildred's premature death occurred May 10, 1935, in Cumberland, Maryland, where she was hospitalized for a brain tumor. The funeral took place in the Terra Alta Methodist Episcopal Church where she was a member.



Mildred (Harriman) Feather.

Charles Rodger Feather



Phyllis Elaine (Bolyard) Feather



Charles and Phyllis Feather.

Charles Rodger FEATHER

B. 23 Jul 1933, Kingwood, PCo, WV

Fath. Leo Coddington FEATHER

Moth. Mildred Virginia HARRIMAN

M. **Phyllis Elaine BOLYARD**, 26 Dec 1956

B. 23 Oct 1937

Fath. Arnold Willard BOLYARD

Moth. Oma Tressie KELLY

Children:

1. Rodger Alan

B. 30 Oct 1957

M. Angela Edna MACZKA

2. David Lynn

B. 9 Feb 1959

M. Penelope CLARK

3. Michael Keith ("Mike")

B. 22 Oct 1961 D. 13 Jun 2004

M(1). Anita C. TAYLOR

M(2). Teresa Jo HELMICK

4. Mildred Virginia ("Midge")

B. 28 Apr 1964

M. Scot Alan RAY

Charles Rodger Feather was born in Kingwood, West Virginia. He was only two years old when he lost his mother. Soon after that the family consisting of Charles, his father Leo, his Grandmother Alice Feather, and his brother Robert moved to Oakland, Maryland. It was the beginning of many family moves.

Charles attended elementary school in Masontown, West Virginia. He graduated from Terra Alta High School in 1951 and went to work for Farmers' Supply store in Terra Alta. In 1953 he joined the U. S. Army Signal Corps where he earned the rank of corporal. He received an honorable discharge in 1955 and resumed his job. The company was now Lewis and Burge, Inc.



Charles Feather.

December 26, 1956, Charles married Phyllis Elaine Bolyard. They made their home on State Street in Terra Alta, West Virginia and resided there until 2013 at which time they moved to the house outside of Terra Alta where Phyllis had grown up. Charles had completely remodeled it.

Charles has spent his adult life in public service. After serving on the Town Council for 14 years, in 1973 he was elected Mayor of Terra Alta. He served in that capacity for 26 years. While in office, he has been instrumental in many accomplishments for the town.

Early in his career, he led the Council in managing the “Shaw estate” and preserving the fund for maintenance purposes. They bought and remodeled City Hall on Washington Street and later purchased a building on Route 7 and reestablished there. He was involved in upgrading Terra Alta Park, renovating the community building, providing a new fire house and ambulance building, obtaining State assistance in the upkeep of street maintenance, upgrading the water and sewage systems, and providing a house-to-house recycling program. Charles and the Council worked very hard to obtain funding for a senior housing project which was recently completed.

In addition to his municipal activities Charles is a member and past president of Terra Alta Rotary Club, a member of Terra Alta Moose Lodge, and three times past master of Terra Alta Lodge.

After 50 years of service, he retired from his work with Lewis and Burge in 2005.

Charles and Phyllis own a cabin at Capon Bridge, West Virginia, where the family can go for relaxation.

Phyllis Elaine Bolyard grew up in the house on Route 7 along with her three brothers. She graduated from Terra Alta High School in 1956. Phyllis is a thoughtful, caring person as her life’s activities show. When she married Charles her attention turned to homemaking, but it soon went well beyond that. She operated a children’s day care center, pursued training in specialized care for invalid children and then for mentally disabled adults. She worked as a nursing assistant and became an EMT for the Terra Alta Ambulance Squad. In addition to those activities she is a member of White Dale Church of the Brethren and finds time to be active in church. At various times she has taught both Sunday School and Bible School classes.

Her spare time is very involved with family, especially the children. Some of her hobbies include flowers, reading, and writing poetry. “Flying Saucers” which she wrote when in the 9th grade was published in *Young America Sings*, 1954 Anthology of Atlantic States High School Poetry.

Flying Saucers by Phyllis Bolyard

They say it’s flying saucers,
But I think it’s imagination.
Or it could be the constant uproar
Of this present generation.

They see them through the day,
They see them through the night.
But when they go to hunt them,
They are always out of sight.

They see them in the airplanes,
And in the trucks and cars.
Most people think they are from some planet
Such as Mercury or Mars.

Some people say “It’s signs of war!
That is what you see.”
But it’s strictly imagination!
That is, if you are asking me.



Charles, Phyllis, Rodger, David, and Michael Feather.



Mayor Charles Feather and his wife Phyllis in front of the Terra Alta Municipal Building.



Terra Alta Mayor Feather in the July 4th parade.



Charles and Phyllis Feather.



Robert and Charles Feather.

Rodger Alan Feather and Angela Edna (Maczka) Feather



*Rodger Feather Family: Top to bottom:
Chad, Rodger, Melody, Angie, Justin.*

Rodger Alan FEATHER

B. 30 Oct 1957

Fath. Charles Rodger FEATHER

Moth. Phyllis Elaine BOLYARD

M. Angela Edna MACZKA

B. 27 Jan 1962

Children:

1. Justin Ray
B. 22 Feb 1981
2. Melody Gail
B. 14 June 1984
3. Chad Marcus
B. 20 Aug 1990

Rodger Alan Feather graduated from East Preston High School in 1978 and has since been employed with Lewis and Burge, Inc. During that time he has also served with the Terra Alta Fire Department. His hobbies are hunting, camping, and rebuilding things.

Angela Edna Maczka graduated from Patterson High School in Baltimore. She has been a volunteer leader for Girl Scouts and worked in stores. Her hobbies are amateur photography, walking, and working with children.

David Lynn Feather



David Feather.

David Lynn FEATHER

B. 9 Feb 1959

Fath. Charles Rodger FEATHER

Moth. Phyllis Elaine BOLYARD

M. Penelope CLARK ("Penny")

Children:

1. Jordon
B. Oct 1989
2. Rachel
B. Nov 1996

David Lynn Feather worked as a mechanic immediately following high school graduation. He then became a police officer serving in various Preston County towns before moving to Capon Bridge, in Hampshire County, West Virginia. For more than 30 years he has been a deputy sheriff for the county and sometimes patrols the road in a cruiser. He also provides security at court trials when they are in session.

A quote from David:

"I would like to say thanks to my parents for all their love and for giving me the FEATHER name. I am very proud to carry the FEATHER name."

Michael Keith Feather



Michael Feather.

Michael Keith FEATHER

B. 22 Oct 1961 D. 13 Jun 2004

Bur. Terra Alta Cem., PCo, WV

Fath. Charles Rodger FEATHER

Moth. Phyllis Elaine BOLYARD

M(1). Anita C. TAYLOR

Children M(1):

1. Stephanie
B. 24 May 1985

M(2). Teresa Jo HELMICK

Children M(2):

2. Joshua M.
B. 1 Jan 1988
3. Alisa J.
B. 14 Jul 1989
4. Brooke S.
B. 1 Oct 1991

Michael Keith Feather (“Mike”) was born in Kingwood, West Virginia, but grew up in Terra Alta. He graduated in the first graduating class of East Preston High School in 1975. He studied criminal law at Parkersburg Community College and graduated from West Virginia State Police Academy in 1985. At the age of 15 he was exploring a career in law enforcement as Chief of Law Enforcement Explorers, and as Junior President of Terra Alta Fire Department. He later held the positions of Terra Alta Parking Meter Officer and Terra Alta Chief of Police. He then became Chief of Police in Wardensville, West Virginia for eight years. In addition he worked in the Furniture Warehouse Center in Winchester, Virginia. He was a member of the Terra Alta Masonic Lodge #106.



Michael K. Feather stone. Terra Alta Cemetery.

Mildred Virginia Feather and Scot Alan Ray



Mildred (Feather) Ray family: Scot Jr., Scot, Teresa, Holly, and Midge.

Mildred Virginia FEATHER RAY

B. 28 Apr 1964

Fath. Charles Rodger FEATHER

Moth. Phyllis Elaine BOLYARD

M. Scot Alan RAY, 31 Jan 1982

Children:

1. Scot Alan, Jr.
B. 20 Aug 1982
2. Teresa Elaine
B. 11 May 1984
3. Holly Ann
B. 30 Nov 1994



Midge (Feather) Ray

Mildred Virginia Feather (“Midge”), daughter of Charles and Phyllis Feather, was the fourth child after three boys. She has a wonderful personality and is very helpful to everyone who knows her, especially her parents who are very proud of her. Midge is talented and especially good with crafts. She enjoys sports and excelled in softball and basketball. Although Midge did not officially graduate from high school, she earned a GED, the equivalent of a high school diploma. She has worked at many different jobs including child care and cleaning. She is currently employed for housekeeping services at Camp Dawson Army Training Camp.

Son, Scot Alan Ray, Jr. has three children, one boy and two girls.

Robert Wayne Feather



Robert Wayne FEATHER

B. 7 Apr 1935, Kingwood, PCo, WV
D. 12 Apr 2010, Cleveland, OH
Bur. Terra Alta Cem., PCo, WV
Fath. Leo Coddington FEATHER
Moth. Mildred Virginia HARRIMAN



Robert Wayne Feather, Marine.

Robert Wayne Feather was not privileged to know his mother who died when he was only five weeks old. His grandmother, Alice (Coddington) Feather, was the only mother he ever knew.

He was very young when his father moved the family to Oakland, Maryland. There he attended first grade at St. Peter's Parochial School. He has few memories of life in Oakland but recalls the family moving many times – a total of 15 in all. His grandmother moved with them each time and kept the family together.

During his high school years, Robert spent some time on the Feather farm with his Uncle Frank and Aunt Mary and some with his grandparents, the Harrimans, who lived in Terra Alta. He also stayed occasionally at Frank and Lucy Browning's. Lucy was a sister to Robert's grandmother, Alice.

What Robert lacked in size he made up for in "spunk." No one thought he was serious when he talked about joining the Marines, and it was a surprise even to Robert when he found himself training for the U. S. Marine Corps in Paris Island, South Carolina. From 1953 to 1956 during the Korean Conflict he served under the 2nd Marine Corps Division Fleet Marine Force, an amphibious marine group, in the Caribbean and Mediterranean.

Following his term in service, Robert attended Potomac State College in Keyser, West Virginia, for two years, majoring in electrical engineering. After college, he moved

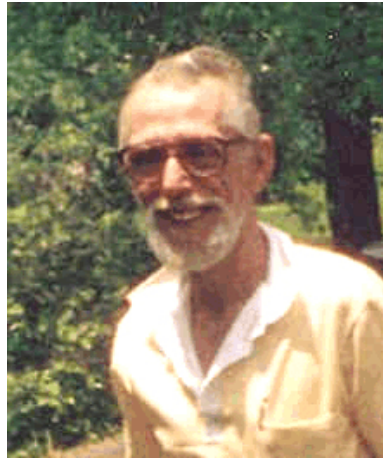


Military marker for Robert Feather.

to Alexandria, Virginia where he was employed as an electronic specialist for Lockheed Electronics & Dynatech Communications filling government contracts which included contracts for NASA. His father Leo also worked in Virginia and lived with Robert until needing hospital care.

In 1990 Robert moved to Cleveland, Ohio, where he worked for General Factory Weyerhaeuser Cardboard Corporation making corrugated boxes.

Robert died in Cleveland in 2010. He was buried in the Terra Alta Cemetery.



Robert Feather.



Leo, Frank, and Robert Feather.

A man's rootage is more important than his leafage.

-- Woodrow Wilson

Harriman and Shay

Lines

----- **HARRIMAN** -----

It is likely that the name Harriman began as Henryman in Yorkshire, England. Ricardus (Richard) and Willelmus (William) were both living in Yorkshire in the year 1379 and before. At later dates other Harriman records were found in the vicinity of London. Names included Mary Harriman of St. Dionis Backchurch in 1632, and John Harriman who married Elizabeth Tobey at St. George Hanover Square, and William "Harryman" (either an early spelling or a misspelling), who married Sarah Steade. It is generally believed that all the Harrimans who migrated to America were of common ancestry.

The first of the name in America were John and Leonard Harriman. They came from Rowley, in Yorkshire, England, and were probably brothers. When they were quite young, possibly sixteen years old, they settled in New England. Many of John's descendants settled in the West, but Leonard, the younger of the two brothers, made his home at Rowley, Massachusetts, sometime before 1649. There he and his wife Margaret had the following children: John, Matthew, Hannah, Jonathan, Mary, and another daughter whose name is unknown.

A direct line from these early Harrimans has not been established, but it is tied to the William Henry Harriman below who married Lydia Elizabeth Martin.

William Henry HARRIMAN I

B. 1847

M. Lydia Elizabeth MARTIN

B. 1849

Fath. Philip MARTIN II

Moth. Nancy Ann BEAVERS

Children:

1. Minnie Mae
B. 1870
2. Dora Belle
M. Robert GIAOUR (GAUER)
- 3-4. Twins
D. Infancy
5. Philip Amos
B. 27 Sep 1877, Kingwood PCo, WV
D. 27 Dec 1965, MCo, WV
M(1). Martha Florence HUGGINS
B. 6 Feb 1880, Herring,
Valley District., PCo, WV
D. 4 Jul 1898, Herring, PCo, WV
M(2). Estella Ethel FORMAN

6. Addie
D. Infancy
7. **William Henry II**
B. 27 Aug 1880 D. 25 Apr 1973
M. **Maude Anis SHAY**
8. Sarah V.
M. Samuel EVANS
9. Melissa M.
M. Henry BECKMAN
10. John A.
D. 4 yrs. old

**William Henry Harriman II and
Maude Anis (Shay) Harriman**



William H. and Maude (Shay) Harriman.

William Henry HARRIMAN II

B. 27 Aug 1880, East Stoneham, Maine

D. 25 Apr 1973, Terra Alta, PCo, WV

Fath. William Henry HARRIMAN I

Moth. Lydia Elizabeth MARTIN

M. **Maude Anis SHAY**

B. 9 Feb 1884 D. 5 May 1952

Bur. Terra Alta Cem., PCo, WV

Fath. Samuel Nelson SHAY

Moth. Virginia Mary KNOTTS

Children:

1. **Mildred Virginia**

B. 22 Mar 1909 D. 10 May 1935

M. **Leo Coddington FEATHER**

2. Charles

B. 1912 D. 2005

Bur. Terra Alta Cem., PCo, WV

M(1). Marion BOLYARD

M(2). Dolcie COLLINS

3. William Henry III ("Bill")

B. 1924 D. 1985

Bur. Terra Alta Cem., PCo, WV

M. Rebecca REESE

William Henry Harriman II, and probably some of his siblings, grew up in a foster home in Rowlesburg, Preston County, West Virginia. The foster parents were Samuel and Ada Funk.



Harriman Plot: Mildred (Harriman) Feather, Leo C. Feather, Maude (Shay) Harriman, and William H. Harriman, Sr. Terra Alta Cemetery.

----- O'SHEA / SHAY -----

About the year 1790 Thomas O'Shea I and his wife Bridget planned to sail from Dublin, Ireland with their two sons for America. Before they could sail Thomas died, but Bridget and her sons, Benjamin and James, came as planned. They were 6 months on the water, and while on the Atlantic Ocean, March 11, 1791, a third son was born. She named him Thomas II. They landed in Baltimore, Maryland, and went to Morgantown, Virginia, (now West Virginia).

After coming to America they changed the name from "O'Shea" to "Shay." Benjamin went to California to work in the gold fields and was never heard from again. James became a tailor and lived in Morgantown where he raised his family. Bridget lived with her son James until her death.

Thomas served in the Virginia Militia during the War of 1812, after which he returned to Morgantown and married Phoebe Sidwell on July 25, 1813. Thomas was a blacksmith, and he and Phoebe raised their family on a farm in Newburg, Preston County, West Virginia. The land has since been given to Shay's Chapel Church and Cemetery. Thomas and Phoebe Shay, as well as many of their family, are buried there.

Thomas SHAY II

B. 11 Mar 1791 D. 16 Mar 1871
Bur. Shay's Cem., Newburg, PCo, WV
Fath. Thomas SHAY I D. 1790
Moth. Bridget (last name unknown)
M. **Phoebe Ann SIDWELL**, 25 Jul 1813
B. 24 Apr 1793 D. 13 Dec 1872
Bur. Shay's Cem., Newburg, PCo, WV
Fath. Hugh SIDWELL
Moth. Mary Martha HASTINGS
Children:

1. Hugh
B. 2 Aug 1817 D. 13 Oct 1887
M. Margaret Ann SQUIRES
2. Rees
B. 28 Jan 1822 D. 24 Feb 1878

M(1). Elizabeth ZINN
M(2). Elizabeth BROWN
M(3). Nancy TRICKETT

3. **Benjamin**
B. 7 Jun 1823 D. 6 Dec 1900
M. **Susan A. PIERCE**
4. Jesse
B. 30 Apr 1827 D. 11 Aug 1865
5. James
B. 7 Sep 1829 D. 15 May 1878
6. Deborah
B. 7 Nov 1831 D. 20 Dec 1898
7. Sarah
B. 1834 D. 1837
8. Henry
B. Apr 1836 D. Sep 1837

All except Hugh and Mary (Hastings) Sidwell are buried at Shay Cemetery, Newburg, PCo, West Virginia.

Benjamin SHAY

B. 7 Jun 1823 D. 6 Dec 1900
Fath. Thomas SHAY II
Moth. Phoebe Ann SIDWELL
M. **Susan A. PIERCE**
B. 29 Dec 1824 D. 28 May 1903
Children:

1. Thomas Henry
B. 25 Feb 1850 D. 1 Nov 1932
M(1). Anza Virginia HADDIX ("Jennie")
M(2). Melissa Ann SQUIRES
B. 18 May 1857 D. 14 Jul 1880

2. Harriet Amanda
B. 1854 D. 1941
3. **Samuel Nelson**
B. 21 Apr 1856 D. 19 Jul 1937
M. **Virginia Mary KNOTTS**
4. George S.
B. 25 Aug 1858 D. 1 Nov 1888
5. Bailey Benjamin
B. 25 Aug 1861 D. 1 Nov 1916

All are buried at Shay Cemetery, Newburg, PCo, West Virginia.

Samuel Nelson SHAY

B. 21 Apr 1856 D. 19 Jul 1937

Bur. Shay Cem., Newburg, PCo, WV

Fath. Benjamin SHAY

Moth. Susan A. PIERCE

M. Virginia Mary KNOTTS

B. 22 Sep 1859 D. 29 Sep 1929

Bur. Shay Cem., Newburg, PCo, WV

Fath. Philip Edward KNOTTS

Moth. Elizabeth BOLYARD

Children:

1. Curtis Edward

B. 7 Jun 1881 D. 16 Dec 1954

Bur. Shay Cem., Newburg, PCo, WV

2. Ottis Phillip

B. 31 Jan 1883 D. 29 Aug 1883

Bur. Shay Cem., Newburg, PCo, WV

3. **Maude Anis**

B. 9 Feb 1884 D. 5 May 1952

M. **William Henry HARRIMAN II**

4. Holden Benjamin

B. 1887 D. 27 Aug 1971

Bur. Mt. Olivet Cem., PCo, WV

5. Willis Owen

B. 1888 D. 1948

Bur. Terra Alta Cem., PCo, WV

6. Orpha Mae

B. 1890 D. 1952

M. Francis Luther SHAFFER

Bur. Red Rock Cem., Macomber, PCo, WV

7. Merrill Elsie

B. 15 Sep 1892 D. 22 Nov 1980

Bur. Shay Cem., Newburg, PCo, WV

Shay Cemetery



*Military marker for Thomas Shay II.
Top stone has fallen off its base and is lying on ground.*



*Phebe (spelling on stone) (Sidwell) Shay,
wife of Thomas Shay II.*



Samuel N. and Virginia M. (Knotts) Shay stone.



*Left stone: Benjamin Shay.
Middle and right stones: Susan (Pierce) Shay.*

Route to Shay Cemetery

From Kingwood, WV: Take Route 26 South through Tunnelton and through Denver. Take the next right (Co. Route 66) .9 miles to Shay Cemetery.

----- KNOTTS -----

Philip Edward KNOTTS

B. 1835

M. **Elizabeth BOLYARD**, 1858

B. 17 Nov 1839, PCo, WV

D. 9 Dec 1907, Beryl, Mineral Co, WV

Fath. Henry BOLYARD, Sr.

Moth. Sarah SHAHAN

Children:

1. **Virginia Mary**

B. 22 Sep 1859 D. 29 Sep 1929

M. **Samuel Nelson SHAY**

2. Ulysses Franklin

B. 1864, PCo, WV

D. 21 Nov 1926, Summit Co, OH

M. Florence Virginia SHARRETT

B. 1864 D. 1942

3. Phillip Henry

B. 1866

4. Maude

5. Nora Jane

B. 1868

6. William H.

B. 1870

M. Stella A. PRATHER, 18 May 1890

B. Aug 1872 D. 1920

7. Nicholas

8. Thomas Ervin

B. 1872

9. Everett

B. 1879, WV

10. Edward Garfield

B. 1880

11. Ethel Amanda

B. Jan 1884, WV

M. Walter LIGHT

----- BOLYARD -----

Henry BOLYARD, Sr.

B. 27 Dec 1796, Lehigh Co, PA

D. 1870, PCo, WV

Fath. Stephen BOLYARD

Moth. Barbara NIEFER

M. **Sarah SHAHAN**, 20 October 1823

B. 1804, VA D. 1893, WV

Par. John and Sarah SHAHAN

Children:

1. David D.

B. 1824

M. Serena GOFF, Aft. 1850

2. Powell

B. 1825

M. Violinda CONN

3. Mary

B. 1826 D. 23 Jul 1871

M. James CONN

4. Rebecca

B. 1828

M(1). Peter SANDERS

M(2). Christian BISHOFF, 3 Apr 1873

5. Nicholas

B. 1829 D. Aft. 1880

M(1). Clarissa SANDERS

M(2). Mary SKIDMORE, Abt. 1880

6. Henry, Jr.

B. 18 Jun 1832, Lyon Twp, PCo, WV

D. 18 Jun 1908, PCo, WV

M(1). Nancy E. SIGLEY

M(2). Sarah Ellen SIMPSON, 22 Oct 1852

7. **Elizabeth**

B. 17 Nov 1839 D. 9 Dec 1907

M. **Philip E. KNOTTS**

8. Isaac

B. 1839 D. 1899

M(1). Marie SIMPSON

M(2). Virginia RINEHART

9. William H.

B. 1842

M(1). Rebecca WHITE

M(2). Rebecca COLEBANK

10. Alpheus F.

B. 1845 D. 1934

M(1). Rebecca HANEY

M(2). Anna SHAHAN

11. Amanda J.

B. 1849 D. 1949

M. Jacob M. FUNK

----- MARTIN -----

Note: Except for some dates after 1900, the Martin-Beavers information has not been verified.

Philip MARTIN I

B. 1785, Germany

D. 1860, PCo, WV

Fath. John MARTIN

M. **Susanna FUNK**

B. 1 Feb 1783

Par. John and Elizabeth FUNK

Children:

1. **Philip II**

B. 1811 D. 24 Feb 1898

M. **Nancy Ann BEAVERS**

2. John

B. 24 Oct 1804

D. 4 Jan 1879, PCo, WV

M. Elizabeth WATSON ("Sarah")

3. Jacob

B. 16 Jan 1806

D. 26 Oct 1885, PCo, WV

M. Susan FOREMAN

4. Joseph

B. 18 Mar 1815

D. 13 May 1871, PCo, WV

M. Anna FOREMAN

5. David

B. 1813 D. 1887

M. Lydia FEATHER

6. Samuel

B. 5 Aug 1821

D. 16 Mar 1903, PCo, WV

M. Rebecca DEWITT

7. Margaret

B. 19 Apr 1821

D. 31 Oct 1907, Grinnell, IA

M. Samuel SNIDER

8. Susan

M. William FOREMAN

9. Catherine

M. John DURR

Philip Martin I came from Germany when a young man. According to Morton's *History of Preston County* he came to Preston County from Virginia between 1800 and 1805, and lived near Kingwood, West Virginia. He was a farmer.

Philip MARTIN II

B. 1811 D. 24 Feb 1898, PCo, WV

Fath. Philip MARTIN I

Moth. Susanna FUNK

M. **Nancy Ann BEAVERS**

B. 1814, PCo, WV D. 1868

Fath. Moses BEAVERS

Moth. Hannah Catherine HOLBERT

Children:

1. Samuel Moses

B. 1842

D. 1899, Kingwood, PCo, WV

M. Harriett Jerimiah SNYDER

2. William Thomas

B. 17 Jan 1884 D. 20 Feb 1933

M. Mary E. SHAHAN

3. Philip Britton

B. 1847 D. 23 Feb 1889

M. Rita HAMMOND

4. John A.

D. 4 yrs. old

5. Mary Ann

D. 1866

M. Daniel ADAMS

6. Hannah Susan

M. George W. ADAMS

7. **Lydia Elizabeth**

B. 1849

M. **Henry HARRIMAN I**

8. Nancy Catherine

B. 1852

M. Rev. W. D. HERNDON

9. Sarah Virginia

B. 1854

M. Samuel EVANS

10. Melissa Margaret

B. 1856

M. Henry BECKMAN

----- BEAVERS -----

John Beavers was born in 1695 in Germany and immigrated to America in 1740. He had at least four children: Alexander, Thomas, William, Robert.

It is most likely that Moses Beavers, who married Hannah Catherine Holbert, descended from Thomas of that family, although there are some who believe Moses descended from Robert rather than Thomas.

Thomas BEAVERS

B. 1718, Germany

D. 8 Oct 1770, Loudoun Co, WV

Fath. John BEAVERS

M. **Martha CARGILL CLARK**

Fath. John CARGILL

Children:

1. Robert
B. 1740, NJ
D. Jan 1805, Jackson Co, TN
2. Thomas
B. 1742
D. 28 Apr 1804, Wilson Co, TN
3. **William John**
B. 1743 D. 1781, SC
M. **Mary WYCOFF**

4. Mary
B. 12 Jan 1743, NJ
D. 14 Aug 1840, Sevier Co, TN
5. Joseph
B. 1750 D. Madison Co, AL
6. James
B. 03 Mar 1753, VA
D. 1826, Limestone Co, AL
8. John
B. 1755
9. Samuel
B. 18 Jan 1762, Fairfax Co, VA
D. 23 Jun 1844, Muskingum Co, OH

Thomas Beavers, born in Germany, also immigrated to America in 1740. About 1743 he married Martha Cargill, daughter of John Cargill.

William John BEAVERS

B. 1743 D. 1781, SC

Fath. Thomas BEAVERS

Moth. Martha CARGILL CLARK

M. **Mary WYCOFF**, 1763, NJ

Children:

1. Mary
2. Samuel
M. Jane FLOOD
3. John
B. 1771, Fairfax Co, VA
D. 29 Jan 1848, Loudoun Co, WV

4. Robert
B. 24 Jan 1772, Fairfax Co, VA
D. 24 Sep 1841, Lincoln Co, TN
5. Elizabeth
B. 01 Jan 1777, Fairfax Co, VA
D. 1857, Taylor Co, WV
6. **Moses**
B. 17 Nov 1777 D. 1850, PCo, WV
M. **Hannah Catherine HOLBERT**

William John Beavers died in South Carolina of Camp Fever during the Revolutionary War.

Moses BEAVERS

B. 17 Nov 1777, Fairfax Co, VA

D. 12 Aug 1860, Red Rock PCo, WV

Fath. William John BEAVERS

Moth. Mary WYCOFF

M. **Hannah Catherine HOLBERT**,

17 Nov 1803, Frederick, VA

B. 1782

Children:

1. John

M. Jennie HARMON

2. Thomas

M. Sarah RIDENHOUR

3. William

M. Mary CASSIE

4. Elisabeth

M. William WOTRING

5. Lydia

M. Eben LIPSCOMB

6. Hannah

M. Adam BOWMAN

7. Sarah

M. Arnold (last name unknown)

8. Samuel

M. Sarah DAVIS

9. **Nancy Ann**

B. 1814 D.1868

M. **Philip MARTIN II**

And with these pieces of information coming together to form a picture of family history, this genealogy is like a great jigsaw puzzle to be passed on and continued by the next generation.

Just Folks

I am like him, so they say,
Who was dead before I came.
Cheeks and mouth and eyes of gray
Have been fashioned much the same.

I am like her, so they say,
Who was dead ere I was born,
And I walk the self-same way
On the paths her feet have worn.

There is that within my face
And the way I hold my head
Which seems strangely to replace
Those who long have joined the dead.

Thus across the distance far
In the body housing me
Both my great-grandparents are
Kept alive in memory.

Edgar A. Guest 1934

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